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NEUTRALS TO TAKE FIRMER ATTITUDE

Norway's Crews Call For Boycott Of Cargoes Destined For Germany

OSLO, FEB. 16 (REUTER).—IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT NORWAY HAS MADE THREE PROTESTS IN BERLIN RECENTLY AGAINST THE SINKING OF NORWEGIAN VESSELS.
SHE HAS RESERVED THE RIGHT TO CLAIM DAMAGES FOR LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

SEAMEN PROTEST

Norwegian Seamen's Associations are threatening to call on their members to refuse to sail in ships carrying cargoes to "that belligerent nation which has as its proud aim the murder of defenceless sailors."

The Associations have presented a joint resolution to the Foreign Minister, strongly protesting against the present form of sea warfare.

The resolution declares that several recent cases in which Norwegian ships were sunk by German submarines are contrary to International Law and all feelings of humanity.

The resolution asks the Norwegian Administration to remember the war against the Norwegian mercantile marine when new trade agreements are to be concluded and to obtain guarantees to ensure that seamen will not be exposed to the present form of warfare, which is contrary to International Law.

BITTER PRESS ATTACKS

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The Nazi intensification of U-boat warfare against neutral ships has driven the Norwegian and Danish press to ask how long neutrals are going to stand it.

The United States, according to American advices, is asking Berlin exactly what it means by its recent announcement of the policy regarding the torpedoing of neutral ships and how it will be applied.

It is now clear that the torpedoing of the Dutch ship, Burgerdijk, last week was in accordance with this policy.

To-day the 1,000 ton Norwegian steamer Bisp, which was overdue, is presumed to be lost.

The fact that the Bisp is missing has led the conservative Norwegian newspaper "Aftenposten" to demand that whatever rights belligerents now accord the neutrals should be clearly stated.

The papers asks: "Are we allowed to get coal from England and coal and oil from America? Are we allowed to sail between neutral countries? If not, what are we allowed to do and under what conditions? We are a nation living on the principle of trade with Germany as well but this collaboration presupposes give and take.

Cannot Continue

"The almost daily sinkings of Norwegian ships cannot possibly continue," concludes the "Aftenposten."

This attitude is endorsed by the Danish newspaper, "National Tidende," which says that for Germany to lay down conditions for maritime trade by this declaration

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Germans Intensify Sea War

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 16 (UP).—Three Danish, two Norwegian and one Italian ships have been sunk during the past 24 hours intensification of sea war coincident with the denunciation in the Scandinavian press of the German attacks on neutral shipping.

The Danish Legation reported that the steamer Martingold Schmidt (2,905 tons) was mined in the North Sea with 16 missing; the steamer Rhone, (1,064 tons) and the steamer Sleipner (1,066 tons) were torpedoed off the east coast of Britain with 51 and 18 respectively missing.

The Norwegian reports said the freighter Bisp (1,000 tons) and the freighter Start, 1,100 tons) were "lost at sea". No further details were given.

It is officially announced that it was the destroyer Antelope which sank the two U-boats last Friday. The British claim they have sunk at least six U-boats during the week and the French are believed to have destroyed one.

The Antelope is one of the ships of the reserve fleet and is manned mainly by reservists. The vessel was commissioned at Portsmouth last July.

Norwegian Protests

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OSLO, Feb. 16 (UP).—It is officially announced that Norway has lodged three protests at Berlin against the sinking of Norwegian ships and the strafing of lifeboats in violation of the Submarine Convention.

They also demand full compensation and prosecution of the German pilots and U-boat commanders.

Mr. S. Randle has been appointed to be an Assistant Censor.

Legitimate Sinking, Germany Claims

BERLIN, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The torpedoing of the Dutch steamer Burgerdijk is held to have been perfectly legitimate in a statement issued to the foreign press by the German official news agency.

It says that the sinking of the ship followed the regular carrying out of prize law procedure. It declares that the term "contraband" applies where it is for a hostile destination and the alleged destination in the ship's papers is not decisive.

Cargo destined for neutral use can be disqualified if it is exposed to enemy attack in a belligerent's harbour.

It makes no difference whether the ship entered a British control harbour voluntarily or under British compulsion.

The statement adds that the danger to neutrals is the result solely of British regulations and the neutral's obedience to them. The neutrals must learn from this case.

Tanker Overdue

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The tanker, Crcofield, 839 tons, is 14 days overdue and is presumed lost.

Finnish Ships Confiscated

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Two Finnish ships bound for Britain with timber have been captured by the Germans and confiscated, according to an announcement by the Helsingfors radio.

Finland Warns: Cannot Fight Alone

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The newspaper, "Afton Bladet," states that the Finnish Government had advised Sweden that Finland could not hold out longer alone and must either have two divisions of men from Sweden as volunteers or else must apply to the Western Powers for help.

The Prime Minister, rejecting the request for direct military aid, declared that the Government had had on different occasions received requests from Finland for supply of necessities, and on the whole these requests were acceded to.

Certain measures were taken with regard to caring for the wounded and invalids from Finland in Sweden and the transfer of civilian workmen from Sweden to Finland.

During visits to Stockholm, members of the Finnish Government had raised the question of aid by the supply of men. As recent as February 13, the Finnish Foreign Minister had raised the matter, but the policy of the Swedish Government, as approved in Parliament on January 17, remains unchanged.

French Aid Arrives

PARIS, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—France has sent large shipments of artillery and planes to Finland, it is authoritatively stated to-night.

The statement had the approval of the French Army Headquarters.

No information is given regarding the type of artillery sent but it is significant that recent reports have spoken of 100 Soviet tanks being destroyed.

Military observers are linking up the fact that 17 Soviet planes were brought down on Tuesday and the same number on Wednesday with the arrival of French and other foreign planes on the Finnish front.

Finns Overwhelmed

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Overwhelming pressure by the Soviet troops forced the Finns to withdraw from several front line positions in the Karelian Isthmus to-day.

Latest reports from the front indicate that the Finns have counter-attacked and retaken some of the advanced outposts in the centre of the Karelian front.

The Soviet troops on the Karelian Isthmus are attacking three main points with an overwhelming array of men, tanks and guns.

They are at Summa in the west where they have already reached the front line, at Taipale in the east and Kyrola in the centre where they are pressing towards the railway leading to Viborg.

In the Summa sector, Russian tanks are advancing in solid blocks abreast and seven deep.

There are no official figures given of the Finnish losses but the front pages of the Finnish newspapers are filled with the names of those who have died.

Fierce Pressure

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—An official Finnish communique issued to-night states that on the Karelian Isthmus the Russian attack continued yesterday.

Fierce pressure occurred between Hatjalahdenjaervi and the Vulkst River and at Taipale.

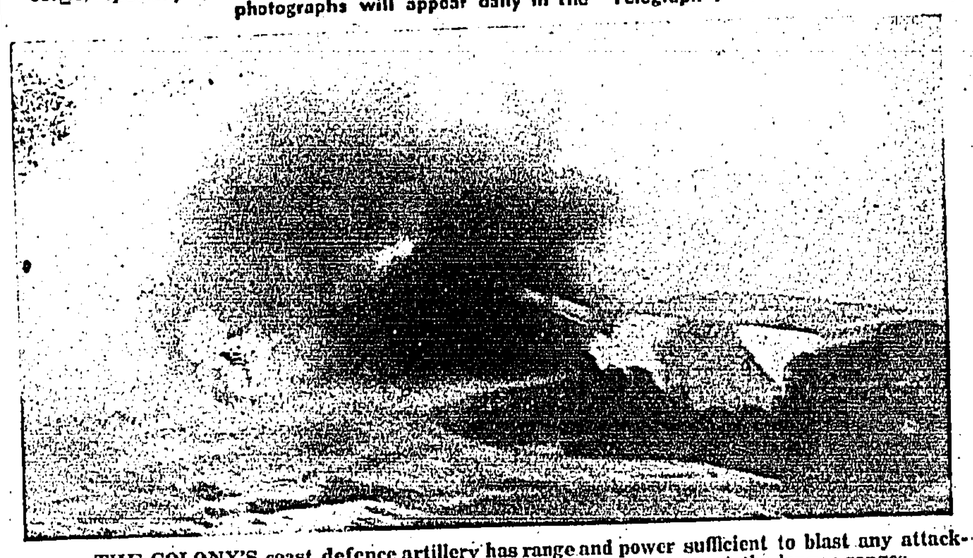
In the east Summa sector and at a couple of points between Hatjalhdenjaervi and the Vulkst River the enemy succeeded in penetrating into more advanced Finnish positions.

In other sectors the enemy's attacks were repulsed.

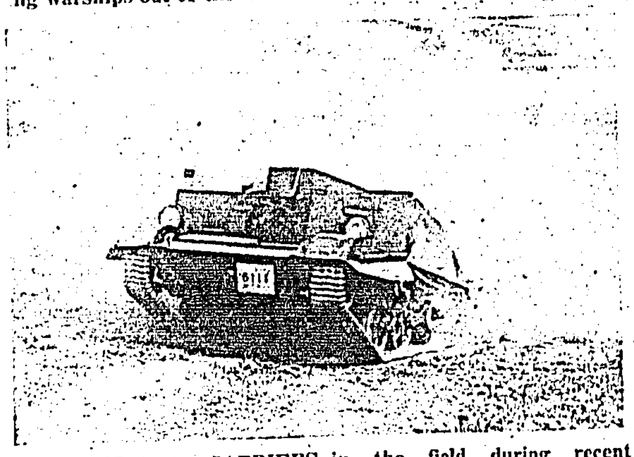
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HONGKONG PREPARES:

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$5,000,000 Surplus Anticipated

Remarkable Boom In Colony's Revenue

HONGKONG'S REVENUE for 1939 is now certain to have reached the unprecedented total of $41,000,000, or $8,000,000 more than the total revenue for the preceding year, which was also a record.

As a result, the Colony ends last year with a surplus of approximately $5,000,000, unless any untoward expenditure was neurred in December.

Figures published in the "Government Gazette" this morning were to the end of November.

They disclosed that revenue for the first eleven months of the year totalled $38,248,457, compared with a revenue of $33,536,340 for the first eleven months of 1938.

Expenditure during the corresponding period totalled $33,865,416, compared with $31,193,177 in the first eleven months of 1938.

Record Treasury Balance

As a result of this abnormal revenue, the Colony's surplus balance has now risen to the record total of $17,945,275.

November Figures

Revenue during November totalled $3,473,229 while expenditure totalled $2,813,023, thus adding $660,605 to the Colony's coffers.

The greatest increase in revenue in November accrued from duties a rise of $205,526 being shown com-

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50,000 People May Lose Homes in Hongkong

MASS EVICTION on an unprecedented scale will probably result from the wider powers granted the Public Works Department under the amendment to the Emergency Regulations published in last week's "Government Gazette."

Under this amendment Public Works Department officials may take possession of or demolish any structure erected on Government land which has not been approved by the Building Authority.

The P.W.D. officials are empowered to use such force and to call upon such assistance as may be necessary to enforce the regulation.

It is conservatively estimated that the new regulation will affect some 50,000 people on the island and mainland.

Eviction notices have already been served on 8,000 people.

They have the option of entering government-constructed tenements, entering refugee camps or returning to Chinese territory.

This offer will, it is understood, remain valid only until hostilities cease in China, after which the Government will consider its obligation to care for refugees fulfilled.

New "City" On Peak

In order to provide alternate habitation for some of the people who are being evicted, the Government is now erecting a large residential area on the side of the Peak just below Lady Clementi's Drive. This is one of the most picturesque parts of the Colony and the Chinese are eagerly seeking accommodation because they believe it to be a "good joss" area.

These new Government tenements, which are being constructed on a substantial scale complete with all sanitary necessities, will be capable of housing about 3,000 people.

Further tenements are to be erected in other parts of the Colony.

The eviction of squatters, who are said to total over 50,000, will continue throughout this year until all Crown Land has been cleared of their hutments and buildings.

Since commencement of hostilities in China, an entirely new city of some 30,000 residents has sprung up

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BRAZILIAN PROTEST

British Pursuit Of Scuttled Steamer

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—It is learned that Brazil has sent a note to the governments of other American nations protesting against the pursuit of the German steamer, Wakama, inside the 300-mile neutrality zone.

The Wakama scuttled herself on sighting a British warship.

The fact that the Wakama was not sunk by the pursuing British warship will not, in the opinion of Foreign Office officials here, make any difference. They declare that the Wakama was within the area specified by the Pan-American Conference as the "safety zone" when an aircraft from the warship flew over her and demanded her to surrender in violation of the precepts laid down.

70 Miles From Rio

The Wakama was stopped when 70 miles from Rio and about 12 hours after she had left port.

The apparent foolhardiness of the Wakama's captain in leaving only four hours before H.M.S. Hawkins was scheduled to arrive is commented on freely here.

Maritime officials point out that the arrival of the British cruiser had already been announced in the Press and that the two ships might have met in the harbour entrance itself if the Hawkins had only been two or three hours ahead of schedule.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives tentatively rejected the United States Navy proposal for harbour improvements to make Guam a naval "look-out" post.

LATEST

AMAZING RUSH FOR TICKETS

UNPRECEDENTED scenes were witnessed at the offices of the Hongkong Jockey Club in Exchange Building this morning.

Long before the doors were opened a large crowd gathered outside. In a last-minute rush to buy tickets on the big cash sweeps.

The crowd became so great after the doors were opened that it was necessary to obtain police aid to exercise control.

As a result of the enormous demand for tickets, the 700,000 mark was passed at 10 a.m.

As the swirl of people desiring to purchase tickets became greater and it soon became evident that the crowd could not be controlled it was decided to close the sale of tickets at the office, and to sell the remainder of the tickets at the racecourse.

Police were accordingly posted at the entrance to the Exchange Building in order to disperse the crowds.

It is understood that only 800,000 tickets have been printed.

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RESERVE DESTROYER SANK TWO SUBMARINES

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—It is now officially revealed that the British destroyer which sank two German U-boats last Friday was H.M.S. Antelope.

This destroyer is one of the reserve fleet and her commander is Lieut. E. W. Douglas.

The vessel is manned mainly by reservists and was commissioned in Portsmouth in July when the reserve fleet was called up for service.

R.A.F. One Up

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—An Air Force plane bombed a U-boat and possibly destroyed it in the North Sea to-day.

The pilot of an R.A.F. aircraft observed a U-boat on the surface and approached it.

The submarine first saw the aeroplane when it was half a mile away and began to submerge at frantic speed.

The aeroplane reached the submarine just as the periscope disappeared.

A bomb was dropped directly ahead of the periscope and another in front of the same spot.

Patches of oil and a quantity of oil bubbles appeared.

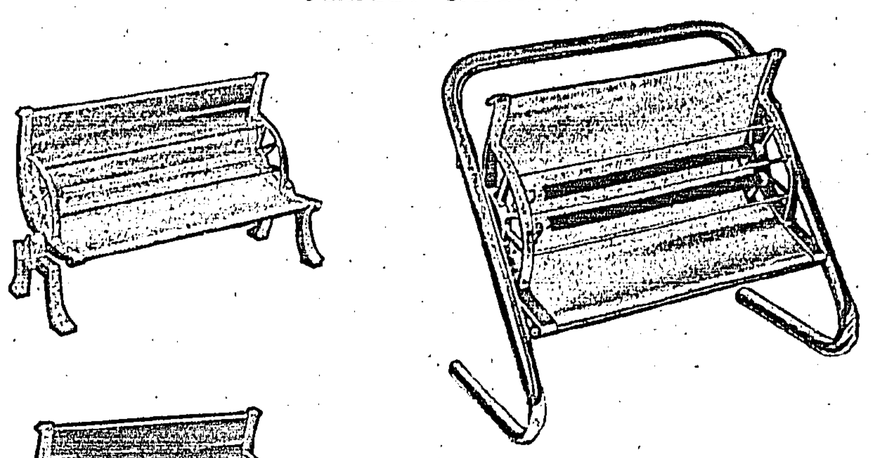
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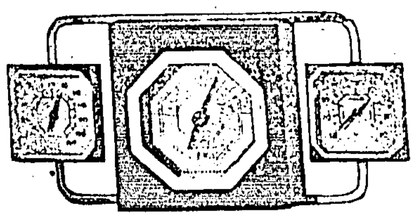
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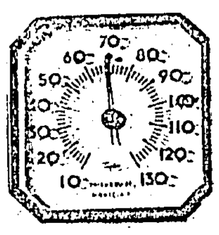
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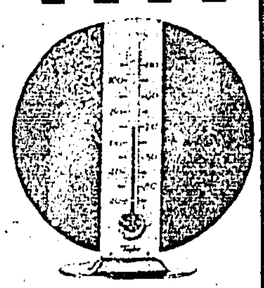
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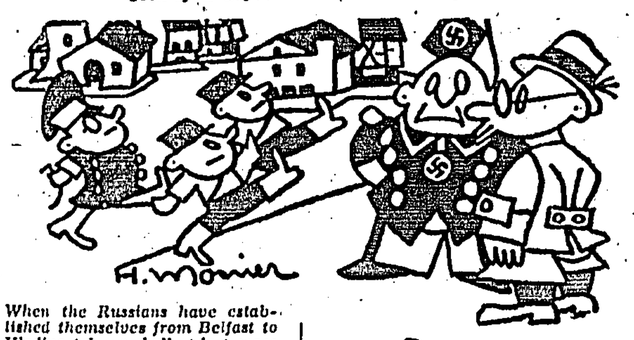
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AN American paper has coined a phrase about the war, expressing the view of many. It talked of:

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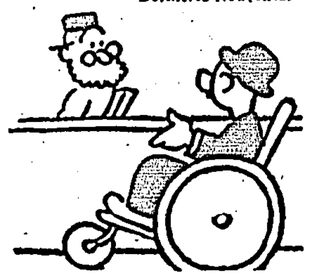
In every country now cartoonists are dealing with its more cock-eyed aspects. Here are examples:



When the Russians have established themselves from Belfast to Vladivostok we shall at last cease to be encircled by the Anglo-French Imperialists.
("L'Oeuvre," Paris.)



I am only making a pact of mutual assistance.
Dernieres Nouvelles.



A pension? What grounds? Victim of the nerve war.
L'Oeuvre, Paris.

IRONSIDE SITS FOR CORPORAL

Test Portrait For War Job

DEREK GLOVER, 25-years-old lance-corporal in the Royal Engineers, wants to be a war-artist.

That is why, he visited the War Office, was ushered into the most hallowed room in the building, and was given a ten-minutes sitting in his office by General Sir Edmund Ironside, Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

He is the first junior N.C.O. to have that honour.

Lance-Corporal Glover was busy on the portrait at his home in Surrey (he has a wife and two-years-old baby). He had previously done an oil painting from memory and from photographs—he had applied for the sitting merely to complete it accurately.

"I am very proud of the honour," he said, "and even more so because he has promised me another sitting soon. He seemed to like the portrait."

Lance-Corporal Glover will submit his portrait to the Artists Advisory Committee in his attempt to be given a chance as a war-artist.

"I think that my Army knowledge would help me a lot in depicting war scenes," he said. "I'm a soldier, and I wouldn't mind a few bullets whistling about. And if necessary I could help put up a barbed-wire entanglement, a pontoon bridge, or help dig a trench.

"I Know About Guns"

"And if I painted guns and uniforms, I wouldn't have to ask questions about them. I doubt if all artists could say the same.

"I would be willing to start in the humblest capacity—helping on camouflage or anything."

General Sir Edmund Ironside recognised Glover at once, although he hadn't seen him for 18 months.

"He once inspected us when I was a recruit," said the young artist; "and he stopped and spoke to me—probably because I wore goggles and looked extra stupid. I told him then that I was a free-lance artist. He remembered that incident when I saw him."

The Powder Puff Pilot

HARD-BOILED R.A.F. men at an aerodrome in France looked askance one day recently when a pilot with the badges of a squadron-leader stepped out of a plane and pulled out a powder puff.

They need not have worried. The squadron-leader was Mrs. Grace Brown, of the W.A.A.F., mother of a boy of ten.

Mrs. Brown had just flown from England a consignment of blood for transfusion purposes.

Brother pilots call Mrs. Brown Gracie.

In the last war she was a nurse in the East African campaign and won a medal.

She does not wear her medal ribbon. "It makes me look as though I were a hundred," she says. "I am only 42."

Mrs. Brown was a commercial pilot before this war.

NEW PROPOSALS BY TAXATION COMMITTEE

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responsible for the manner in which our Report is presented.

A Deterrent to Capital

The following reservation was made by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada E. Castro, Jr.:

It is not without some misgiving that I am a signatory to this Report. Having been convinced that a full income tax would have endangered the Colony's prosperity, wherefore, in common with other Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, I opposed its introduction, I am doubtful whether the taxes now proposed will not have a somewhat similar effect, at least insofar as they will be a deterrent to the introduction of fresh capital into Hongkong.

Inquisitorial Tax

Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie made the following reservation in connection with the Business Profits Tax:

While recognising the force of the argument that "on grounds of equity such a tax must be imposed if there is to be a Corporation Profits Tax," it still remains, in my opinion, a tax of such inquisitorial effect and of such widespread and complex application and difficulty of administration that it should be left out of the Bill.

On the other hand, I consider that —as distinct from Business Profits Tax—Property Tax and Corporation Profits Tax, which incidentally are the only forms of taxation in the War Revenue Bill by which my firm will be affected, are justifiable for the duration of the war.

The following reservation was made by Mr. T. Black:

I have signed this Report because of my adherence to the principle that this Colony should contribute to His Majesty's Government's endeavours to defeat the enemy. I am, however, unable to subscribe to the views expressed or implied in paragraph 11 of Chapter II that the taxation measure now recommended by the Committee removes the grounds for the apprehensions described in paragraph 10.

Inequitable incidence is inherent in the Bill itself apart from what may arise in the course of its administration.

In my judgment the provisions for Corporation Profits Tax and Business Profits Tax present opportunities for widespread evasion and avoidance which would be impossible under a general income tax ordinance.

The scheme to tax only profits "made in the Colony" as opposed to the general income tax plan with its provisions for relief in cases of double taxation can only be productive of immense administrative difficulties and a mass of litigation.

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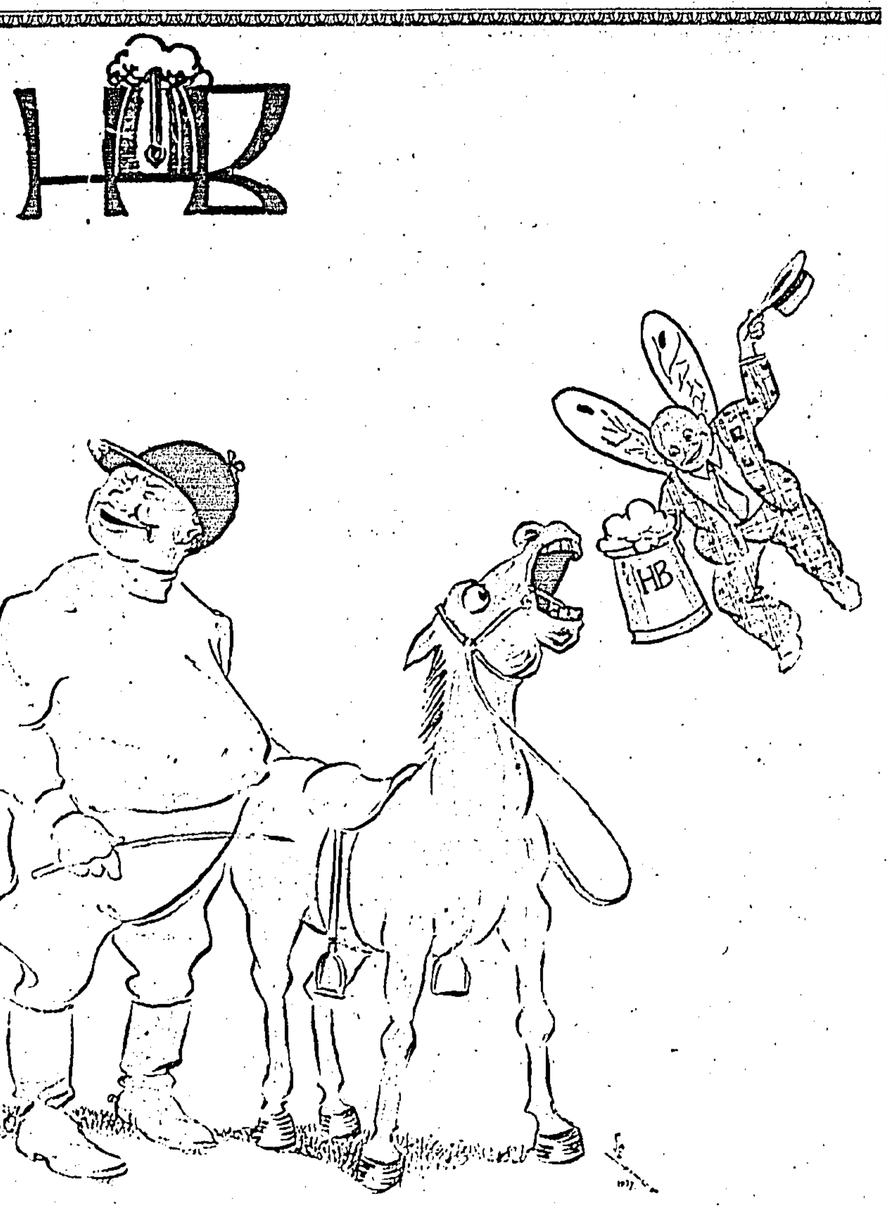
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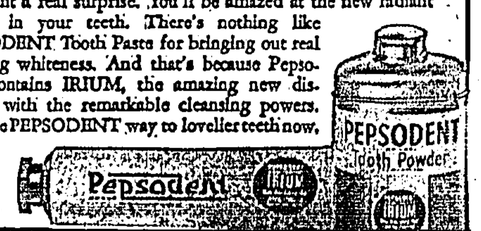
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Girls' and Boys' Corner



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Dear Kiddies,

Last week's colouring competition was extremely well done. It took me a long time to pick out the best entries.

The prize-winners this week are:—

Jack Tinson (aged 11), Ward B4, Kowloon Hospital.

Roberto Quan (aged 9), Ward B2, Kowloon Hospital.

Ian Fraser (aged 8), The Look-Out, Taipo.

Coupons have been sent to Jack, Roberto and Ian. These coupons should be brought to the "Hongkong Telegraph" offices where they will be exchanged for money prizes.

Specially commended for excellent work are the following:

Seniors: Ghazi Khan, Paul Wilson, Alice Lee, Agnes Tsing, Elizabeth Millar, Helen Ozorio, Anne Chan, Audrey Heath, Penny Lee, Hazel Slater, Dicky Yip, R. Rodrigues, Margot Ahwee, Stephen Mose, Yvonne Le Tissier.

Intermediates: Joan Thomson, Alfred Wong, Joan Andrews, Herbert (?), Denny Luz, Jose Felix, Anthony Cutcher, Horatio Ozorio, Mary Branson, Fay Grefalda, Robert Vas, Betty Young.

Juniors: Frank Goodwin, Mabeth Hope, S. Wood, Joan Brown, Ines Low, Rita Lay, Astrid Lee, Fiona Anderson, Patricia Wood.

Joan Andrews: Welcome back to the Boys' and Girls' Corner.

For this week's competition, get out your paints or crayons and colour the picture given above. Print your full name, address and age in the space given below the drawing. Prizes will be awarded for neatness, skill and indication of general intelligence in relation to age.

Send your entries to Uncle Eddie, c/o "Hongkong Telegraph," Wyndham Street. The competition closes at 2 p.m. on Wednesday. Prizes will be given for the best entries in each age section.

Best of luck, kiddies.

Uncle Eddie

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H. K. T.

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 **Aldershot Command Searchlight Tattoo, 1935.**—Massed Bands of the Aldershot Command.

12.48 **Light Orchestral Selections.**

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 **Songs by Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.**—My Prayer, If I Didn't Care, Only When You're in my Arms.

1.13 **Jack Harris and His Orchestra.**

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 **Variety with The Street Singer, Derekson and Brown, The Carlyle Cousins and Debroy Somers Band.**

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 **Beethoven—Symphony No. 3 in E Flat Major, Op. 55 ("Eroica").**—Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 **Plantation Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Male Quartet.**—

7.00 **B. B. C. Recording—"The Old Contemptibles" Part I.**—The record of the British Expeditionary Force from Mons to Ypres, between August and November, 1914.

7.30 **London Relay—The News.**

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 **A Request Variety and Dance Programme.**

9.15 **London Relay—News Summary.**

9.30 **Puccini's "Madam Butterfly" Intermezzo and Act III.**—Characters and Soloists in order of appearance: M. Sheridan (Soprano) Cho-Cho-san; I. Mannarini (Mezzo-Soprano) Suzuki, a servant; L. Cecil (Tenor) Lieut. Pinkerton, U.S.A., V. Weinberg (Baritone) Sharpless, U. S. Consul; Lomi (Mezzo-Soprano) Kate Pinkerton; with Members of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus, Milan.

10.05 **Schubert — Rosamunde—Ballet Music.**—Berlin State Opera Orchestra conducted by Robert Heger.

10.18 **Violin Solos by Fritz Kreisler.**

10.30 **London Relay—Variety with Ronald Frankau and Others.**

11.00 **London Relay—'London Log'.**

11.15 **Dance Music.**

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H. K. T.

11.0 a.m Relay of Morning Service from St John's Cathedral.

12.15 p.m. Mozart—Divertimento, No. 17 in D Major.—Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

12.40 **Excerpts from Mozart's Operas.**

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 **Miliza Korjus (Soprano) and Edith Lorand's Orchestra.**—Gipsy

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 **Tchaikowsky—Trio In A Minor, Op. 50.**—Hephzibah and Yehudi Menuhin (Piano and Violin) and Maurice Eisenberg ('Cello).

2.30 Close down.

7.0 **London Relay—"By Royal Consent.**—A play produced by M. H. Allen.

7.30 **London Relay—The News.**

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 **Relay of Organ Recital by J. R. M. Smith from St. John's Cathedral with Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor).**—1. Organ Solo, J. R. M. Smith; 2. (a) Comfort ye, my people ("The Messiah" — Handel), (b) Every valley shall be exalted ("The Messiah"—Handel), Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) with Organ; 3. Organ Solo, J. R. M. Smith; 4. When warlike ensigns wave on high ("The Occasional Oratorio"—Handel), Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) with Organ, 5. Organ Solo J. R. M. Smith; 6. A Legend (Tchaikowsky), Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) with Organ; 7. Organ Solo, J. R. M. Smith.

8.45 **Studio—"A Voice from the Past" A talk by the Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow.**

9.05 **Alfred Cortot at the Piano.**

"Rigoletto"—Paraphrase De Concert (Verdi-Liszt).

9.15 **London Relay—News Summary.**

9.30 **London Relay—"Despatch from the Front."**

9.45 **Albert Sandler and His Orchestra with Elsie Suddaby (Soprano).**

10.00 **Haydn—Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra.** — George Eskdale (Trumpet) and Symphony Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.

10.15 **Studio—Sunday Evening Epilogue.**

10.35 Close down.

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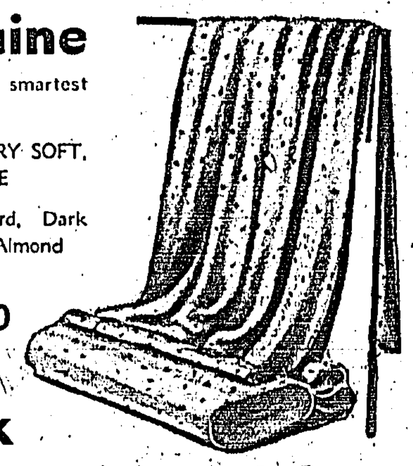
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RECRUITS FOR H.K.D.R.

Another Big List Published

The following group of residents, according to the "Government Gazette," have been enrolled in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

COMBATANT GROUP.—C. R. Judah.

KEY-POST GROUP.—A. S. Allson, G. E. Costello, D. Drake, A. Drummond, F. F. Duckworth, R. P. Dunlop, H. G. Eales, J. H. Ellis, W. Faid, D. D. Forbes, G. Forder, R. D. Gillespie, C. Goldin, C. P. Grant, F. Groves, F. H. Hanna, F. T. Harris, F. Herridge, H. C. Hunt, N. E. Hunter, A. W. Ingram, H. W. Johnston, M. F. Key, W. E. Kirby, T. L. Knight, W. J. Knight, S. H. Langston, C. R. Lee, E. Lewis, S. Lillicrap, J. Linaker, J. F. Lunny, E. S. Lyen, J. F. Macgregor, A. N. Mackenzie, H. W. Mills, L. L. Mills, D. A. Murdoch, F. E. Nash, H. Nish, W. O. Nodes, N. Penson, J. Prentice, A. W. Ramsey, H. Reason, W. E. Rickwood, A. H. Roberts, E. K. Robertson, R. Robertson.

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Two Men Re-assigned

Mr. J. D. Murphy has been re-assigned from the Combatant Group to the General Group for Essential Services in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

Mr. C. F. Pragnell has been re-assigned from the Key-Posts Group to the General Group for Essential Services in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

WESTERN FRONT

PATROL TRAPPED IN MINEFIELD

PARIS, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—A communique issued to-day states that there was activity of our patrols.

One of them suffered some losses when crossing a German minefield.

EXPORT OF COAL PROHIBITED

Details of the Defence (Bunker Coal and Oil) Order, 1940 are published in to-day's issue of the "Government Gazette."

His Excellency the Governor has ordered that bunker coal or bunker oil may not be shipped from Hongkong for use by a ship as fuel without a licence in writing from the Controller of Trade.

MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS LAUNCHED

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Despite the war, British shipyards are still finding time to complete foreign contracts and yesterday three motor torpedo boats for the Rumanian Navy were christened at Portsmouth by the wife of the Rumanian Minister in London and the wife of the Rumanian Naval Attache in London.

STOCK EXCHANGE RESTRAINED

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, week-end considerations restrained activity. Consequently the market was quietly irregular.

Industrials were fairly steady. Gilt-edged securities and home-rails were easier, while Kaffirs were firm on small Cape support.

Wall Street was steady.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

G. R.

The Evening Institute will re-open on Monday, 4th March, 1940.

Entry forms may be obtained at the Education Office, Fire Station Building, or at the Trade School, Wantsai.

W. L. HANDYSIDE,
Director.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

The Exchange Banks will open at 9.30 a.m. and will close at 12 noon for the transaction of exchange business on Monday and Tuesday, the 19th and 20th February. (Race Meeting).

Hongkong, 14th February, 1940.

UNION CHURCH, HONGKONG

The Annual General Meeting of members will be held in the Church Hall on Thursday, February 22nd, at 5.45 p.m.

Tea will be served from 4.30 p.m.

A good attendance is requested.

E. HIMSWORTH,
Hon. Secretary.

CHINA PORTS CLOSED

DRASTIC PENALTIES

For Ship Masters Who Infringe New Law

A Bill, shortly to be introduced in Legislative Council and published in to-day's Government Gazette, is of considerable importance and interest to the shipping community on the China coast.

It is a Bill to amend the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899. The only section involved is Section 22, subsection 6, which makes it compulsory for a master about to proceed to sea to hoist a Blue Peter and to obtain a port clearance before departure.

The penalty was a fine of $250.

The following paragraph has been added at the end of the sub-section: "If the intended voyage is to any port in China which has not been opened at any time to foreign trade the Harbour Master may, at his absolute discretion, refuse to furnish a port clearance."

Treaty Of Tientsin Ports

The Bill has been made necessary as a result of the conditions brought about by the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

Under the Treaty of Tientsin of 1858, certain ports in China were opened to British shipping. They were not lawfully entitled to enter other ports or to carry on clandestine trade along the coast, Any vessel violating this provision ran the risk of being confiscated by the Chinese Government.

However, the treaty provisions were not implemented by specific provisions in the Merchant Shipping Act possibly because the liability of confiscation by the Chinese Government was in itself considered a sufficient deterent.

Now, however, that the movements of the Chinese Customs preventive service are restricted by hostilities in the waters of the coast of China near the Colony it has become necessary to implement the provisions.

Any Master of a ship infringing the new law will be liable to a fine not exceeding $2,500.

In addition he may be sent to prison for six months.

Berlin Covered In Snow

BRUSSELS, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Snow has been falling ceaselessly for two days in Berlin, according to reports received from a correspondent of the "Belga" news agency in the German capital.

In the streets of Berlin pedestrians have to walk between two ramparts of snow. It is the first time such a sight has been witnessed in the capital.

The closing of a great number of administrative offices is certain. Cinemas, theatres and all clubs are expected to close down owing to fuel shortage.

U.S. Exports To U.K. Decline

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The United States exported to the United Kingdom goods valued at $6,000,000 in January compared with $41,000,000 in January last year.

Exports to Germany declined from $6,000,000 in January last year to $3,000.

Holland took twice their figures of January, 1939, while exports to Sweden increased by $2,000,000.

Only Dominion Butter Wanted

In to-day's issue of the Government Gazette tenders are called for supplies of Australian and New Zealand butter required by the Medical Department.

The supply of this type of butter is for the period of a year, commencing on March 1.

CHURCH NOTICES

METHODIST CHURCH

House Committee to Meet On Wednesday

(QUEEN'S ROAD EAST)

Services on Sunday, February 18: Preachers.—Morning, Rev. J. E. Sandbach; Evening, Rev. E. Moreton.

Morning Service at 10.15 a.m.—Prayer, Lord's Prayer, Hymn No. 83, Lesson, Hymn No. 526, Children's Talk, Hymn No. 655, Prayer, Notices, Hymn No. 490, Sermon, Hymn No. 253, Benediction.

Evening Service at 7 p.m.—Hymn No. 608, Prayer, Hymn No. 174, Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Hymn No. 99, Sermon, Hymn No. 423, Benediction.

Notices For The Week

1. Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at the S. & S. Home at 8.15 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians will be warmly welcomed.
2. The Badminton Club is meeting at the S. & S. Home on Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m.
3. A meeting for Prayer and Fellowship will be held at the S. & S. Home on Tuesday at 8.30 p.m.
4. The House Committee is meeting at the S. & S. Home on Wednesday at 5.30 p.m.
5. A Servicemen's Dance will be held at the S. & S. Home on Friday at 8.30 p.m. A Military Band will be in attendance. Admission $1. Ladies by invitation.

ST. ANDREW'S
(CHURCH OF ENGLAND, KOWLOON)

Annual General Meeting On Tuesday

Sunday, February 18, Second Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; Choral Communion and address at 11 a.m.; Subject: "I challenge the Agnostic." Preacher, The Vicar.

Evensong and address at 6.15 p.m. Subject: "Why I am a Protestant." Preacher: The Vicar.

These sermons will be preached in connection with the special course of Lenton addresses.

The Sunday Evening Club will be held after the evening service. Everyone welcome.

Young People's Service in Church 10 a.m. Leader, Mrs. J. R. Biggs.

Primary Sunday School in the Hall 10 a.m. Leader, Miss W. Robinson.

Week Day Notices

Monday, February 19.—Medical War Working Party 10 a.m.; Fellowship of Youth and War Working Party for B.W.O.F. 6 p.m.; Teacher's Preparation Class 7 p.m.; St. Andrew's Club Social Evening at 9 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20.—Brownie Pack 3.30 p.m.; Boy's Choir Practice 6 p.m.

The Annual General Meeting of all electors of St. Andrew's Church will be held in the Hall at 9 p.m. Coffee will be served at 8.30 p.m. The meeting is a most important one, and it is hoped, as in previous years, that there will be a large attendance.

Wednesday, February 21.—Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.; Medical War Working Party 10 a.m.; Wolf Cubs 5.30 p.m.; Rover Scouts 8.45 p.m. at 11 Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong; St. Andrew's Badminton Team will play King's College, at home at 8 p.m.

Thursday, February 22.—Litany, Prayer and Meditation, 10.30 a.m.; Women's Fellowship 2.30 p.m.; War Working Party for B.W.O.F. 4.30 p.m.; Boy Scouts 6 p.m.; St. Andrew's Club "open" night.

Friday, February 23.—Medical War Working Party. 10 a.m.; Confirmation Class 4.45 p.m.; Full Choir Practice 6.30 p.m.; Toc H in the Chater Room 6.45 p.m.

Saturday, February 24.—St. Matthias, A. & M. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.; St. Andrew's 1st. Ladies' Hockey Team versus the Central British Association Ladies Hockey Team at 3 p.m. (home) St. Andrew's 2nd. Ladies Hockey Team versus the Recrelo Ladies Hockey Team at 3 p.m. (away).

UNION CHURCH

Annual General Meeting On Thursday

(KENNEDY ROAD)

Morning Service 10.30 a.m. Evening Service 6 p.m.

Preacher at Morning service, Rev. E. Moreton.

Preacher at Evening service, Rev. J. E. Sandbach.

The Annual General Meeting of the members of Union Church will be held in the Church Hall on Thursday, February 22, at 5.45 p.m. Tea will be served from 5 p.m.

CHRIST CHURCH
(KOWLOON TONG)

To-morrow Evening First Of Lenten Evensongs

February 18, 2nd Sunday in Lent.—7.15 a.m. Holy Communion. 9 a.m. Sunday Schools. The Junior School meets in No. 3 Duke Street, and the Seniors meet in the Church.

10 a.m. Choral Eucharist. Preacher the Vicar. Subject: "Forming Habits."

11 a.m. Mandarin Service. Preacher Mr. Philip Kin.

6.30 p.m. Evensong and sermon. Preacher: Rev. A. P. Rose, Assistant Chaplain of the Cathedral. Subject: "Superstition." After the service there will be supper and discussion in the Rev. J. C. L. Wong's house behind the Church.

February 19, Monday.—Y.D.M.A. Committee 8 p.m. in the Vicarage.

February 22, Thursday.—Holy Communion 7.15 a.m. Guild of Martha and Mary in the Vicarage at 10 a.m.; Sunday School Association meeting, 5.45 p.m.

February 24, Saturday.—S. Matthias; 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.

LESSON SERMON

First Church of Christ Scientist, Hongkong

SUBJECT—SOUL

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches to-morrow, February 18 will be: "Soul."

The Golden Text will be: "I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people." (Lev. 26: 11, 12).

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible: "Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered. Art thou not from everlasting, O Lord my God, mine Holy One?" (Ps. 40: 5; Hab. 1: 12).

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The evidence of the existence of Spirit, Soul, is palpable only to spiritual sense, and is not apparent to the material senses, which cognise only that which is the opposite of Spirit. The divine Mind is the Soul of man, and gives man dominion over all things. Soul changeth not." (Pages 350, 307, 310).

Announcement

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong, (a Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.) No. 31 Macdonnell Road, close to Peak Tram Station. Sunday Service 11.15 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 8 p.m. A Ready Room is located in the Church Building and is open every morning (Except Sunday) from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. All authorised Christian Science literature is available at the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

HERE'S A HAPPY 'COMING OF AGE' PARTY



A large number of friends attended a cocktail party at 15 Braemar Terrace, Quarry Bay, to celebrate the Coming-of-Age of Miss Joan Seath last week.

$5,000,000 SURPLUS ANTICIPATED

FROM PAGE ONE

pared with the figures of the corresponding month in 1938.

Licences and Internal Revenue showed an increase of $172,003 over the figures of the previous year, while rent of Government property, land and houses as well as miscellaneous receipts also showed substantial increases.

In all, revenue in November, 1939, bettered the figures for November, 1938, by $563,269.

Expenditure On Defence

Expenditure showed an increase of $238,053.50 on the figures of the previous November.

The defence forces of the Colony claimed the greatest rises in expenditure during this month. For instance, the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, which spent only $10,460.23 in November, 1938, spent $50,835.88.

But even greater were the increases of the Naval Volunteers and A.R.P. The former consumed only $3,483.81 of the Colony's revenue in November, 1938, but last November they spent $39,003.18, an increase of $36,419.37.

Air Raid Precautions in the Colony cost only $3,244.68 in November, 1938. Last year they cost $27,023.69.

The Police Force also cost much more to maintain, the figures being $301,063.26 for November, 1939, as against $272,990.48 for November, 1938.

The cost of the Sanitary Department rose from $87,027.04 to $120,-884.46, while under the item of "Stores Department," which was non-existent in 1938, a sum of $99,-016.20 was expended.

Making up for these various increases, many departments spent less than they did the previous year.

FINLAND WARNS: CANNOT FIGHT ALONE

FROM PAGE ONE

North-east of Lake Ladoga the enemy attacks were repulsed.

Among the Islands and on the shore our forces, states the communique, captured one of the enemy's positions.

The enemy losses were heavy. The destruction of isolated enemy detachments continued at Kuhmo.

On Thursday our fighter planes engaged in several successful air battles and in the course of the day we bombed enemy encampments, railways and positions behind the lines.

There was enemy air activity constantly over the war zone and it was most severe on the Karelian Isthmus where there were about 500 Russian planes.

According to verified reports, we shot down eight enemy aeroplanes besides which there were two doubtful cases, the communique continues.

It is estimated that a thousand bombs were dropped by enemy planes yesterday. Thirty-four civilians were killed and several dozen were wounded.

Defenders Favoured

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The Russians in Summa are confronted, says Reuter's military correspondent, with a phase of battle where the situation may still be entirely in favour of the defenders.

A delaying action will be fought while the Russian batteries are brought forward.

These batteries must be linked to their munition points while petrol and food supplies will be difficult to establish.

There is a moment in every great battle when a brisk counter-attack by the defenders would be of the utmost value, but it seems doubtful whether the Finns, after the desperate fighting of the last fortnight, will have enough fresh troops in reserve for this purpose.

Mr. E. W. Pudney, who arrived in the Colony last week, has been appointed to be Accountant at the Treasury.

His Honour the Chief Justice has ordered that the next Criminal Sessions will be held on Monday, February 26 commencing at 10 a.m.

EXETER HONOURED

Official Recognition For Heroes

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—There is general gratification in British newspapers to-day that the presence of Mr. Winston Churchill and his speech given on Thursday gave the occasion of H.M.S. Exeter's return the dignity of official recognition.

Some newspapers recall that the German wireless announced sometime ago that H.M.S. Exeter would not get home.

The fact that she is now at home will probably not be conveyed to the German public but, as the "Daily Telegraph" says, the world will know of it and praise it duly.

Luncheon For Men

The original Drake's drum stood in the centre of Guildhall during the luncheon.

Lord Astor, proposing the health of the ship's officers and company, said, "It is a strange thing, this spirit of the Navy. It is invisible, imponderable and intangible and now we know its audacity is incredible.

"It is not guns nor is it armaments and it is not fleet orders. It is something which is nursed and nourished when we find men living close together in hourly danger of their lives."

Restrictions On Imports

Certificates Of Origin Must Be Produced

The full Allied blockade of Germany which seeks not only to prohibit Germany from securing raw materials with which to carry on the war, but also completely to strangle the German export trade and thus prevent her from getting much needed foreign exchange, is having its effect in Hongkong.

To-day's "Government Gazette" gives a list of countries, goods consigned from which are prohibited to be imported into Hongkong unless at the time of the importation a certificate of origin and interest is produced to the Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

The countries named are as follow: Albania, Belgium and Luxemburg, Bulgaria, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Roumania, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Yugoslavia.

In the cases of Portugal and Spain, their insular territories in the Atlantic Ocean are excluded.

Exceptions have been made. These are:

Newspapers, periodicals, printed books and printed parts thereof, printed music, catalogues, advertising material, printed leaflets, printed pamphlets, and printed forms.

Bona fide personal and household effects of persons entering the Colony.

Samples of no commercial value.

Bona fide gifts from private senders to private addressees.

Goods in transit without transhipment or transhipped on a through Bill of Lading for destinations outside the Colony.

Goods addressed to or consigned direct to Government Departments.

In certain cases, the Superintendent of Imports and Exports may authorise delivery of goods upon security being given, within such time as he may require, for the production of a certificate of origin and interest.

These regulations will come into effect on April 1, 1940.

It is noteworthy that Soviet Russia is not included in this list.

The number of emigrants who left Hongkong for the Straits Settlements during January, 1940, were 3,382.

Mr. G. A. Pentreath has been appointed to be Chief Air Raid Warden for Hongkong.

50,000 PEOPLE MAY LOSE HOMES IN HONGKONG

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in Kowloon on what is still Crown land.

All these people are to be evicted and their buildings are to be demolished, it is understood.

Substantial Buildings

Many of the buildings are of a susbtantial nature. Some are built of concrete or bricks, and many are two and three storeys high.

They were all constructed by their owners—several of whom are said to be rich and influential members of the Chinese community—with a view to permanency. Many of the buildings, it is estimated, cost $10,000 to erect.

It is believed that, in every case where a substantial building was erected, the Government authorities warned the builders before the foundations were laid that they were being constructed illegally and were liable to be pulled down.

Petition To S.C.A.

Despite this fact, the "Telegraph" understands that some of the Chinese are preparing to petition the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, seeking restraint against Government's intention to re-claim its property.

The scene of the recent disastrous fire behind Shamshuipo was part of the new city of 30,000 people that has sprung up in the Kowloon area.

Government, it is understood, is not permitting any of this burnt-out area to be re-built.

The "Telegraph" was informed this morning that, as a result of the fire, the authorities discovered over thirty cases of undisclosed small-pox among the victims of the fire.

This gives some indication of the amount of hidden disease in the new insanitary city that has sprung up.

Committee For "Aggrieveds"

Appeals Against Orders Issued By Governor

His Honour the Chief Justice, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Major R. C. Giles, R.M., Capt. C. R. Boxer and Mr. J. K. Bousfield, M.C., M.A. have been appointed by His Excellency the Govrnor to serve on an advisory committee in connection with the Colonial Defence Regulations, 1939.

This committee has been appointed to consider objections voiced by any person who is aggrieved by the making of an order against him or by the refusal of His Excellency the Governor to suspend the operation of any such order.

Any person who is aggrieved by any condition attached to a direction given by His Excellency the Governor or by the revocation of any such direction can also put forward their objections to this newly-formed committee.

NEUTRALS TO TAKE FIRMER ATTITUDE

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means that it is suicide, for the conditions are impossible.

Nazi Claim Rejected

An Italian newspaper, the "Corriere della Sera", rejects Germany's claim that she has become mistress of the seas. The papers says that in spite of German sneers, Britain still controls the seas.

Danish Demarche

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—It is learned in official quarters that Denmark has made a demarche in Berlin on the torpedoing of the Danish steamer, Chastine Maersk.

Mr. K. Okazaki, Consul-General for Japan at Hongkong, resumed charge of the Consulate-General last week.

POST OFFICE

The Money Order Office public counter will be open from 10 a.m. to noon only on 19th, 20th and 21st February, 1940.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

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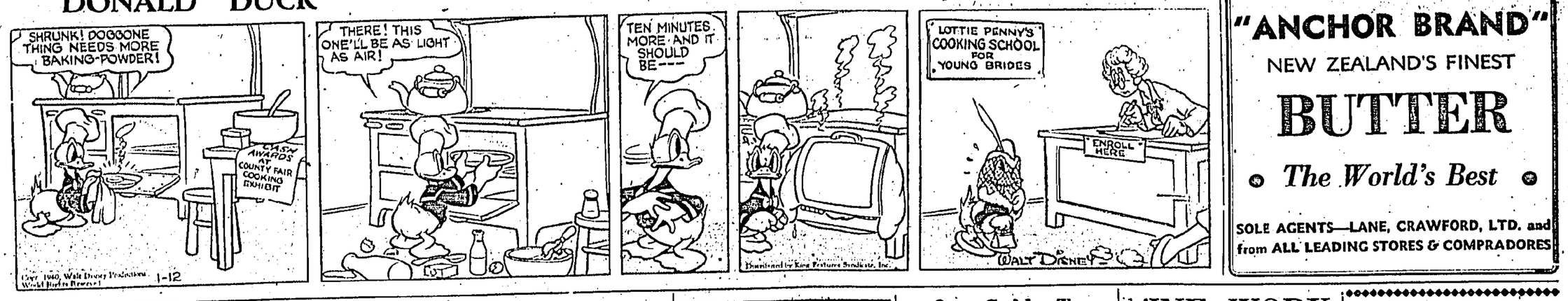
Australia and Manila	Feb. 17.
Haiphong	Feb. 17.
Japan and Shanghai	Feb. 17.
Shanghai	Feb. 17.
Canton	Feb. 18.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	Feb. 18.
Shanghai	Feb. 18.
Shanghai and Amoy	Feb. 18.
Straits	Feb. 18.
Europe via Suez and Straits—(London date, 8th Dec. 1939)	Feb. 19.
Haiphong	Feb. 19.
Haiphong, Holhow and Fort Bayard	Feb. 19.
Japan	Feb. 19.
Shanghai	Feb. 19.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 10th February.	Feb. 20.
Canton	Feb. 20.
Formosa and Swatow	Feb. 20.
Japan.	Feb. 20.
Saigon	Feb. 20.
Shanghai and Amoy	Feb. 20.
Straits	Feb. 20.
Straits and Manila	Feb. 20.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 14th February	Feb. 21.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 14th February.	Feb. 21.
Calcutta and Straits	Feb. 21.
Java and Manila	Feb. 21.
Shanghai	Feb. 21.
Straits	Feb. 21.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 14th February.	Feb. 22.
Bangkok and Saigon	Feb. 22.
Japan.	Feb. 22.
U.S.A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco date, 20th Jan.).	Feb. 23.
Canton	Feb. 24.
Shanghai	Feb. 24.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 26th January)	Feb. 24.
Manila	Feb. 25.
Shanghai and Amoy	Feb. 25.
Calcutta and Straits	Feb. 26.
Haiphong	Feb. 26.
Manila	Feb. 26.
Shanghai	Feb. 26.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 15th December 1939)	Feb. 27.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 18th January)	Feb. 27.
Japan and Shanghai	Feb. 28.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai—(Vancouver B.C., dated 10th February)	Feb. 29.
Haiphong	Feb. 29.
Japan	Feb. 29.
Japan and Shanghai	Feb. 29.

OUTWARD MAILS
Saturday, Feb. 17

Japan.	2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 25th Feb.	
G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
Reg.,	Feb. 17, 5 p.m.
Ord.,	Feb. 17, 5.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta.	
Parcels,	Feb 17, 5.00 p.m.
Ord.,	Feb. 17, 5.30 p.m.
Bangkok	5.30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 18	
Amoy	9.00 a.m.
Monday, Feb. 19	
Canton	7.15 a.m.
Dairen	9.30 a.m.
Japan	10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	1 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Holhow	1.30 p.m.
Shanghai (Parcels only)	2.30 p.m.
Canton	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 20	
Shanghai	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	8.30 a.m.
Canton	10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	2 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 28th Feb.	
K.P.O.	
Reg.	Feb. 20, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Feb. 20, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Feb. 20, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Feb. 20, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 26th Feb.	
K.P.O.	
Reg.	Feb. 20, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Feb. 20, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Feb. 20, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Feb. 20, 7 p.m.
Japan	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 21	
Canton	7.15 a.m.
Japan	10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	
Parcels	11.00 a.m.
Ord.	Noon.
Swatow	2.30 p.m.
Straits	2.30 p.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 29th February.	
K. P. O.	
Reg.,	Feb. 21, 5.00 p.m.
Ord.,	Feb. 21, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.	
Reg.,	Feb. 21, 5.00 p.m.
Ord.,	Feb. 21, 7.00 p.m.
Airmail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 28th Feb.	
K.P.O.	
Reg.	Feb. 21, 5.00 p.m.
Ord.	Feb. 21, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Feb. 21, 5.00 p.m.
Ord.	Feb. 22, 7.30 a.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 24	
Straits	6.30 a.m.

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Police Theory of How Accident Occurred

A theory of how the accident had occurred was given by Traffic Inspector S. C. Saunders at Central Magistracy yesterday when hearing of a charge of manslaughter against Lieut. Thomas Parkinson, 51, of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, was continued before Mr. R. Edwards. Parkinson is alleged to have killed Wong Chiu-lan, nine-year-old boy, while driving a car in Bonham Road on December 23.

Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. D. L. Strellett, appeared for Parkinson and Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, assisted by Inspector Saunders.

Inspector Saunders continued: "At 12.45 p.m. on January 3 I charged defendant at the Central Police Station. He made the following statement, which he wrote himself: 'I am very sorry that the accident happened. It was inevitable and I am not guilty of this charge.'"

Mr. d'Almada: You have given this case considerable thought?—Yes.

And you have considerable experience in reconstructing accidents?—Yes.

If you were not perfectly satisfied as to your theory as to how the accident occurred, you would not have given it?—No.

You are perfectly satisfied that the damage to the nearside of car 556 was caused by the collision with 3228?—Yes.

Inspection of Damage

That conclusion you arrived at through inspection of the damage to the nearside of both cars?—Yes.

And from careful examination of the damage to the other side of the car caused by impact with the house?—Yes.

Do you consider 31 feet the effective width of the road?—Cars coming from the west follow the northern kerb.

They ignore the bay shown in the photograph?—They don't ignore it, but they don't take full advantage of it.

They take comparatively little advantage of it?—Yes.

If there had been no bay and the road followed its natural course, you still say car 3228 was safely parked?—Yes.

What would have happened if the car had not been there that afternoon? Would he have negotiated the curve quite easily?—He would have negotiated the curve but not easily, because though the absence of the car gave him an extra six feet, he would still have his hands full controlling the car.

Inspector Saunders agreed that from the evidence of the bus conductor who said he saw Parkinson following his bus some two stops before the Nethersole Hospital, Parkinson was driving carefully. He also agreed that the place where Parkinson overtook the bus was a good spot to do so but it was not the first place where he could pass from the traffic signal at Glenealy. There was nothing to show Parkinson was not driving carefully.

Error of Judgment

Witness was asked whether he thought the accident was due to an error of judgment. He replied it was probably so, when in overtaking the bus Parkinson swerved too wide and again swerved too much to the left after overtaking.

Mr. d'Almada: The impact with car 3228 would have given the occupants of the Vauxhall a bad jolt?—It would have.

I suggest the jolt was severe enough to cause the driver's foot to slip off the brake pedal?—It might.

And slipping off the brake, might have come down on the accelerator on the right?—Yes.

It is possible, is it not, that the momentary application of the brake would not have shown on this mark?—Had that occurred, I think a slightly heavier mark would have been made, but I cannot say for certain.

Inspector Saunders agreed that buses were not very good at pulling to the left of the road at wide parts of the road but generally left several feet between the kerb and the nearside.

Mr. d'Almada: I put it to you on the whole of your evidence that this accident was entirely consistent with an error of judgment?—Yes, a bad error of judgment on the part of the defendant.

Boy Crossed Road

Our case is this, that almost as defendant came abreast of 3228, a small boy darted into the road from behind 3228, coming almost dingonally across the road; that the defendant, in an endeavour to avoid him turned left but there was no little clearance between his car and 3228 that that small manoeuvre brought him into collision with it, which resulted in the front nearside mudguard jamming into his front wheel, swinging it round to such an extent that he lost control and could not regain it, wherefore he mounted the pavement and hit the house. Do you agree that that is a possibility?

Mr. Williams interposed, remarking this was the first occasion a suggestion had been made that there was anyone in the centre of the road when the accident occurred.

Mr. d'Almada replied he had questioned a witness about it and had intended to pursue it further at a later stage but had forgotten. Nevertheless, he said, it was not the first time the Police or the Crown had heard about it.

Inspector Saunders was again asked if he thought defendant's case a possibility.—He replied he did not agree that at any time west of Breezy Path, Parkinson made no attempt to turn to the left. He was further asked if he had taken a statement from the passenger in Parkinson's car. Inspector Saunders said he took statements from that person on December 23, 24 and 27.

Witness Not Called

Mr. d'Almada asked if that person would be called as a witness. Mr. Williams said he was not being called.

Mr. d'Almada referred to an authority and said whatever account or statement received by the Crown from that person, whether in favour of or against the defendant, should be given in evidence and the witness called, so that the defence might have a chance to cross-examine him.

Inspector Saunders was re-examined by Mr. Williams and asked what he meant by an error of judgment. Witness said if a man were driving a car and swerved, but swerved too quickly, that was an error of judgment for he did not intend or foresee the consequences of his swerving too quickly.

Errors of judgment were committed by Parkinson, he said, in not getting too far to the right and swerving too abruptly to the left after overtaking the bus, his failing to apply the brakes and leaving his foot on the accelerator, and having at no time applied the brakes or taken his foot off the accelerator.

There was no reason at all why Parkinson should collide with 3228, he added. The man had a very good view to the front.

Mr. Williams said it was the duty of the Crown to put forward a witness considered to be a witness of the truth. The man who was in Parkinson's car had been questioned on three occasions and the conclusion come to was that he was not a witness of the truth.

No Case for Jury

Mr. d'Almada submitted that the whole of the evidence did not disclose a case for committal on a charge of manslaughter. No *prima facie* case had been made out and it was his Worship's duty to discharge the defendant. After referring to the section of the Magistrates' Ordinance governing this, Mr. d'Almada said it was clearly shown in the section that a Magistrate was not merely a recorder of evidence but was entitled and bound to exercise his judicial discretion.

There was evidence that an error of judgment had occurred, he continued. The question for his Worship to decide was whether the Crown had proved a case of manslaughter. In a case where the evidence was consistent both with innocence as with guilt, the Crown had failed to make out a case, he submitted.

At the very highest, defendant might be said to be guilty of dangerous driving, but no reasonably minded Jury, in Mr. d'Almada's submission, could find that the defendant had committed such a high degree of culpable negligence as to amount to manslaughter, and find him guilty.

Mr. Williams said there was some evidence in the Crown case of reckless driving such as to constitute manslaughter.

The case was adjourned to noon on Monday.

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LETTERS

Tree Vandalism

To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—One reads from day to day, in almost endless procession, reports of what are designated as "tree vandals and thieves" and of the fines and imprisonment imposed on the culprits.

While I do not intend to try to justify or exculpate the vandals, but as a tree lover, protector, and planter, I have arrived at the conclusion that the methods employed are wrong and not a deterrent, and as a remedy submit the following suggestions.

Those convicted of tree cutting offences should be handed over to the Afforestation Department and as a measure of restitution compelled to do as much actual planting as would compensate for damage done, and at the same time afford a salutory lesson on the labour and time required to re-afforest denuded areas. Instead of a $10 fine or so many weeks in gaol at the rate-payers' expense, the punishment could be assessed in terms of trees to be planted. Instead of a $5 fine, substitute the planting of 50 trees.

No extra regular Police or forest guards will be needed for control, but the much abused "Peace Preservation" members about whom we have heard so much of late could be employed for the purpose. Such action will be some return on the public money expended on uniforms, truncheons, etc.

Nor am I convinced that the Government is entirely excusable. It is difficult to understand why Government did not exercise control over supplies and prices when firewood was almost unprocurable except to those whose pockets were well-lined. Such a measure may become necessary even yet, but taken at the proper time would have conserved stocks and obviated what amounted to almost a monopoly, as well as preventing the pillage and pilfering of fuel from planted areas.

Cooked foods are as much a necessity for the poor as for the rich, and it is not too much to say that it is obligatory on a paternal Government to consider all aspects of the welfare of its meanest and poorest subjects.

The Home Government is spending millions for the poor in controlling prices of necessities as well as seeing that all share proportionately.

Why not communal kitchens as much as latrines, bathhouses, dispensaries, etc.

PINE TREE.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 17, 1890.

The farewell address will be presented to His Excellency the Governor at 11 a.m. to-morrow in the City Hall. Ladies are invited to attend. His Excellency will afterwards embark from Peddar's Wharf.

25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 17, 1915.

Reuter's correspondent at The Hague states that the Dutch Government has addressed a Note to Germany declaring that the grievance Germany has formulated in general terms against neutral countries are unfounded so far as the Netherlands is concerned and says that neutral vessels are entitled to demand a thorough examination as to their nationality.

The Dutch Government has also intimated to Great Britain its objection to the latter's attitude regarding the employment of neutral flags by merchantmen.

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The "Daily Chronicle" deduces from Mr. Churchill's speech that two new squadrons of Royal Sovereigns and Queen Elizabeths, armed with 15-inch guns, are now in the battle line.

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Mr. Churchill, in the House of Commons to-night, in a speech introducing the Navy estimates, laid emphasis upon the efficiency of the British Navy. Mr. Churchill dwelt upon the Admiralty's transport work, the moving of troops across the Channel—often at the shortest notice, threatened by the enemy's warships, and in waters haunted by submarines—and the transport also from India, South Africa, Egypt, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, China, indeed from every position under the Crown, of approximately a million men without up to the present any accident or loss of life (cheers).

The tasks that were lying ahead were anxious and grave. We were to be the objects of a kind of warfare never before practised by civilised states. The sinking at sight, without search or parley, of merchantmen by submarines were totally novel and unprecedented. It was a state of things that none contemplated before the war. It would have been universally reprobated and repudiated before the war (cheers), but it must not be supposed, because the attack was extraordinary, that a good defence cannot be made. Losses will no doubt be incurred, but he believed that no vital injury could be done if traders put to sea regularly and acted in the spirit of the gallant captain of the Laertes

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Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that Count Bernstorff presented a formal Note stating that Germany is willing to consider the abandonment of the proposed attacks on British merchantmen if Britain will allow the passage of foodstuffs for civilians.

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The great interest taken in the University by enlightened Chinese has been further demonstrated by two generous donations offered by Mr. Ho Tung. One of these is an immediate gift of $50,000 to the Endowment Fund with the proviso that part of the income therefrom shall be devoted to a "chair" of Clinical Surgery tenable at the Civil Hospital. The second gift, one of $5,000 yearly for ten years, also benefits the Endowment Fund

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 17, 1930.

Glorious weather favoured the annual sports meeting held by the Central British School on Saturday.

The results were as follows:

100 yards' Championship: Senior.—1, I. Stirling; 2, M. Rousseau; 3, N. Whitley. Middle.—1, J. Thirwell; 2, F. Anslow; 3, W. Maycock. Junior.—A. Mitchell; 2, F. McNellie; 3, K. Baxter.

Girls: 100 yards' Championship: Senior.—1, Joan Bates; 2, Doris Booker; 3, P. McCaw. Middle.—1, W. Raven; 2, E. Withers; 3, E. Stone. Junior.—1, O. Bates. Cow; 3, J. Fooker.

High Jump: Senior.—1, R. Skinn; 2, I. Stirling; 3, A. Chester. Middle.—1, Eric Humphreys; 2, B. Levkovich; 3, F. Anslow—tie

100 yards' skipping championship. Senior.—1, J. Bates; 2, D. Booker; 3, J. Wilson. Middle.—1, W. Raven; 2, M. Romsby; 3, R. Bone. Junior.—1, E. Phillips; 2, Joy Booker; 3, M. Gow.

Throwing the cricket ball: 1, I. Stirling; 2, John Miller; 3, A. Chester.

220 yards' open: Senior.—1, I. Stirling; 2, V. Grunberg; 3, M. Rousseau. Middle.—1, J. Thirwell; 2, L. Phillips; 3, F. Anslow. Junior.—1, Pomeroy; 2, Baxter; 3, G. Kelly.

Sack Race (Boys): Senior.—V. Grunberg. Middle.—Reynolds. Junior.—Baxter (girls). Senior.—Doris Booker. Middle.—M. Grimes Junior.—E. Rousseau.

Long Jump: Senior.—1, I. Stirling; 2, R. Skinn; 3, V. Grunberg. Middle.—1, J. Thirwell; 2, B. Levkovich; 3, Phillips.

Old Boys' Race—220 yards: 1, H. Owen-Davis; 2, S. MacNider; 3, John A. Maycock

Somerset L.I. 440 yards open: 1, Badman Mackenzie; 2, Bdsmn Champion.

440 yards open: Senior.—1, V. Grunberg; 2, I. Stirling; 3, N. Whitley. Middle.—1, J. Thirwell; 2, W. Maycock; 3, L. Phillips.

Egg and Spoon Race (Girls): Senior.—Peggy Everest. Middle.—W. Raven. Junior.—E. Rousseau.

Relay Race (Girls).—Won by Chocolate House.

One Mile: Senior.—V. Grunberg. Middle.—?. Anslow. Junior.—Pomeroy.

Skipping Championship (Girls): 1, Gertie McNellie; 2, D. Raven; 3, J. Wilson. Middle.—1, W. Raven; 2, M. Romsby; 3, P. Mooney. Junior.—1, N. Laing; 2, D. Bates, 3, J. Stewart.

220 yards slow bicycle race: Senior.—D. Smith. Middle.—E. Humphreys. Junior.—Reggie Wood.

Relay Race (Boys): Won by Blue House.

Obstacle Race: Senior.—M. Rousseau. Middle.—Phillips. Junior.—Booker

YEARS AGO

Feb. 17, 1935.

Sino-Japanese rapprochement is impossible unless the anti-Japanese movement in China is dropped.

This was the statement made by Major-General Dohihara on his arrival in Japan from Tsingtao yesterday. His statement was given prominence in the press as General Dohihara said lasting peace in the Far East was out of the question unless China ceased to regard Japan as her potential enemy and tried to restore relations to normal.

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The Saar was formally incorporated in the German customs frontier system today. The French customs officials left their posts and the German officials took possession of their new Customs houses.

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Congratulations will be extended to Mr. H. G. Sheldon, well-known Hongkong barrister, on having been made a K.C.

Our Guide To The Cinemas

"Wizard of Oz" (Queen's and Alhambra): The makers have followed L. Frank Baum to the last detail, even the horse of a different colour. The result is two splendid hours of melody and magic in Technicolour. The technical trickery is perhaps even more impressive than the story itself. Witches and hobgoblins have been reproduced with realism which may be too terrifying for the very youngest. Starring Judy Garland assisted by Frank Morgan, Ray Bolger, Bert Lahr, Jack Haley, Billie Burke and Margaret Hamilton. Roadshow prices charged.

"Frontier Marshall (Majestic): Another colourful character from the past comes to the screen in Wyatt Earp, the famous Frontier Marshal, who brought the law to Tombstone at the end of his six-gun and stayed alive because no one ever beat him to the draw. Starring Randolph Scott and Nancy Kelly with Cesar Romero, Binnie Barnes and John Carradine.

"Only Angels Have Wings" (Oriental): Melodrama about plane pilots in a South American country trying to maintain a regular flight schedule with poor equipment, to win a mail subsidy. Excitement, risky exploits and tragedies. Cary Grant and Jean Arthur have the romantic parts. Also in the cast are Richard Barthelmess, Rita Hayworth and Thomas Mitchell.

FINE WORK BY FRENCH

Convoying Troops In Mediterranean

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The French Navy's work in convoying troops in the Mediterranean and keeping the sea lanes open there is meeting with no opposition whatever from the enemy, an authoritative French source told "Reuter" to-day.

Thus far, he added, no U-boat had succeeded in getting into the Mediterranean. Other points revealed by this source are that like the British Navy the French Navy has destroyed many submarines. It is against their policy, however, to state the number.

Also like the British the French navy has had experience with German magnetic mines.

German planes have been caught on moonlight nights dropping these mines by parachute in French waters.

The French Navy co-operated in hunting for the Graf Spee and divisions of French torpedo boats are patrolling the approaches of the North Sea thus reviving co-operation with the Dover Patrol as in the last war.

At the outbreak of war the French Navy had in commission five capital ships among which were the Dunkerque and the Strasbourg which were nearing completion.

Fastest In World

The newer French and British capital ships are the most modern and fastest in the world. They include seven 10,000 ton cruisers; 12 smaller cruisers and 32 small light cruisers; 38 destroyers, 37 escort vessels, 77 submarines, one aircraft carrier and one seaplane carrier.

The French Navy has suffered no loss of ships from enemy action.

One mine-laying cruiser and three auxiliary patrol vessels were lost from accidental causes.

On January 2 there was in construction in France about 300,000 tons of warships, including four 35,000 ton battleships. The strength of the French merchant shipping actually shows a gain over 12,000 tons since the war began despite losses by enemy action.

Fourteen ships, totalling 69,000 tons, have been sunk by enemy action and four ships totalling 15,000 tons have been lost as casualties.

Meanwhile two ships totalling 37,000 tons, have been built at French ship yards; six ships, 40,000 tons, have been purchased abroad and four ships, totalling 19,000 tons, have been captured from the enemy.

The French Navy has done a vast amount of work in escorting French colonial troops to France, troops to possible theatres of war and fresh drafts to the colonies. None of these troops convoys suffered any loss.

FAMOUS WOMAN DOCTOR DEAD

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The death is announced of the well-known woman doctor, Elizabeth Sloan Chesser.

Mistaken For Chiang's Son

To be mistaken for Chiang Kai-shek's son, Chiang Wei-kuo, now at a military training college in America, was the experience of a Hongkong businessman during his flight by China Clipper from San Francisco.

Mr. S. D. Chiang said on arrival at Kai Tak yesterday that when the Clipper arrived at Honolulu, newspaper reporters attempted to interview him saying they were certain he was the Chiang they had been waiting for.

"They wouldn't believe me when I told them the real Chiang was still in America," he said.

When the Clipper arrived here yesterday it was also believed that the Generalissimo's son had returned.

Chiang Wei-kuo, who was studying at a military school in Germany before war broke out, then went to America. He is believed to be returning to China soon.

MOVEMENTS OF ALIENS

Drastic Restrictions In New Regulations

DRASTIC RESTRICTIONS on the movements of enemy aliens who are not interned are announced in this morning's "Government Gazette."

As from to-day, all enemy aliens are prohibited from leaving the residential areas of Kowloon and the island.

On the island, enemy aliens are prohibited from setting foot anywhere except in the area bounded by Tung Lo Wan Road, Tai Hang Road, Bowen Road, Garden Road to Robinson Road to Park Road, Bonham Road, Western Street and Connaught Road.

On the mainland, the entire Colony is declared a protected area excepting the area bounded by Chatham Road, Ma Tau Wai Road, Tam Kung Road and Prince Edward Road to the sea-front and its western extremity.

It is noteworthy that the Internment Camp in Boundary Street is outside the area in which enemy aliens are permitted to visit.

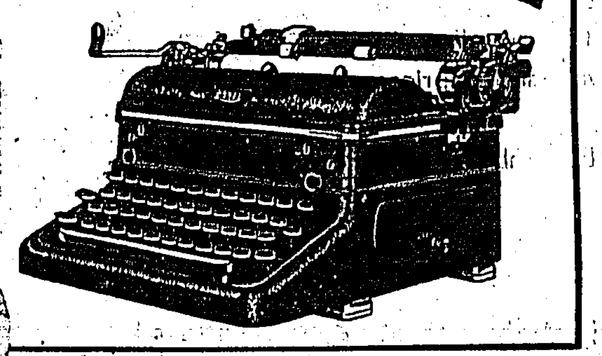
This order prohibits enemy aliens from crossing the harbour. But a special concession is made in order to permit them to travel across from Hongkong to Kowloon or vice versa by the Star Ferry or the Hongkong and Yaumati Ferry services.

NEW BULGARIAN CABINET

SOFIA, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—A new Bulgarian Cabinet has been formed under Prof. Philoff, former Education Minister, with the Bulgarian Minister in Belgrade as Foreign Minister.

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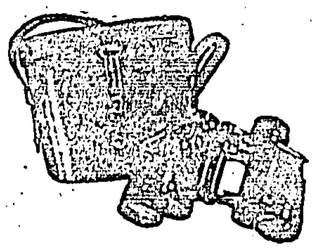
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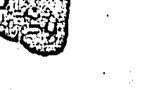
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THE social and economic forces which have been mismanaged abroad until they have resulted in revolution, dictatorship and war are the same as those which we here are struggling to adjust peacefully at home.

Dictatorships and the philosophy of force which justifies dictatorships originated in almost every case in the necessity of drastic action to improve internal conditions where democratic action for one reason or another had failed to respond to modern needs and modern demands.

I can understand the feelings of those who warn the nation that they will never again consent to the sending of American youth on the soil of Europe. But as I remember nobody has asked them to consent, for nobody expects such an undertaking.

The overwhelming majority of my fellow citizens do not abandon in the slightest their hope and expectation that the United States will not become involved in military participation in the war.

I can also understand the wishfulness of those who over-simplify the situation by repeating that all we have to do is to mind our own business and keep the nation from war.

But there is a vast difference between keeping from war and pretending this war is none of our business. We have not to go to war with other nations, but at least we can strive with other nations to encourage the kind of peace that will lighten the troubles of the world and by so doing help our own nation as well.

It becomes clearer and clearer that the future world will be a shabby and dangerous place to live in—even for Americans to live in—if it is ruled by force in the hands of a few.

Already swiftly moving events all over Europe have made us pause to think in a longer view. Fortunately that thinking cannot be controlled by partisanship. The time is long past when any political party or any particular group can curry or capture public favour by labelling itself 'the Peace Party' or 'the Peace Bloc.' That label belongs to the whole of the U.S. and to every right-thinking man, woman and child within it.

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WE must look ahead to see the effect on our own future if all small nations throughout the world have their independence snatched from them or become the mere appendages to relatively vast and powerful military systems.

We must look ahead to see the kind of lives our children would have to lead if a large part of the rest of the world were compelled to worship the God imposed by a military ruler or were forbidden to worship God at all; if the rest of the world were forbidden to read and hear facts and were deprived of the truth which makes men free.

We must look ahead and see the effect on our future generations if world trade is controlled by any nation or group of nations which sets up that control through military force. Summing up this need of looking ahead, I hope we will have few American ostriches in our midst.

It is true, of course, that the record of past centuries includes the destruction of many small nations; and includes the enslavement of people and the building of empires on the foundation of force. But quite apart from the greater international morality which we seek to-day we recognise the practical fact that, with modern weapons and modern conditions, modern man can no longer lead a civilised life if we are to go back to the practice of wars of conquest of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

Summing-up this need for looking ahead and in words of common sense and good American citizenship, I hope that we will have fewer American ostriches in our midst.

It is not good for the ultimate health of ostriches to bury their heads in the sand. Only an ostrich would look upon these wars through the eyes of cynicism or ridicule.

Of course, the peoples of other nations have the right to choose their own form of government, but we in this nation still believe that such a choice should be predicated on certain freedoms which we think essential everywhere. We know we ourselves will never be wholly safe at home unless other Governments recognise such freedoms.

The old conditions of world trade made for no enduring peace. When the time comes, the United States must use its influence to open up the trade channels of the world, in order that no nation shall feel compelled in later days to seek by force of arms what it can well gain by peaceful conference.

I emphasise the leadership which this nation can take when the time comes for a renewal of world peace.

Such influence will be greatly weakened if this Government becomes a dog in the manger of trade selfishness.

The first President of the United States warned us against entangling alliances; the present President of the United States subscribes to and follows that precept.

But trade co-operation with the rest of the world does not violate that precept in any way.

The permanent security of America in the present crisis, does not lie in armed force alone. What we face is a set of world-wide forces of disintegration, vicious, ruthless, destructive of all the moral, all the religious and all the political standards which mankind, after centuries of struggles, has come to cherish most.

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IN these moral values, in these forces which have made our nation great, we must actively and practically reassert our faith. These words 'national unity' must not be allowed to become merely a high-sounding phrase, a vague generality, a pious hope to which everyone can give lip service. They must be made to have real meaning in terms of the daily thoughts and acts of every man, woman and child in our land during the coming year and during the years that lie ahead.

For national unity is in a very real and deep sense the fundamental safeguard of all democracy. Doctrines that set group against group, faith against faith, race against race, class against class, fanning the fires of hatred in men, too despondent, too desperate to think for themselves—those doctrines were used as rabble-rousing slogans on which dictators could rise to power, and once in power they could saddle their tyrannies on whole nations, saddle them on their weaker neighbours.

We must as a united people keep ablaze on this continent the flames of human liberty, of reason, of democracy and of fair play as living things to be preserved for the better world that is to come. All this bitterness, vituperation and the beating of drums—they have contributed mightily to ill-feelings and wars between nations. If these unnecessary and unpleasant actions are harmful in the international field they are also harmful in the domestic scene. . . . In the long run history amply demonstrates that angry controversy surely wins less than calm discussion.

In the spirit therefore of greater unselfishness, recognising that the world, including the U.S., is passing through perilous times, I am very hopeful that the closing session of the 76th Congress will consider the needs of the nation and of humanity with calmness, with courage and with co-operative wisdom.

May the year 1940 be pointed to by our children as another period when democracy justified its existence as the best instrument of government yet devised by mankind.

War Profiteering

The Hongkong Telegraph.
Saturday, February 17, 1940.
Wyndham St., Hongkong
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WAR PROFITEERING is not legitimate business but a crime against the community. The ordinary honest trader has no desire to turn a public emergency into a source of private gain, and though there are many complaints of increases in Hongkong which seem unjustifiable to the buyer—and will not in fact bear close scrutiny—the blame is not always laid at the right door.

There are few who do not subscribe to the view that there must be no profiteering in this war; not merely because the vice is ugly, but because, more than any other possible development it aids in impoverishing the class of citizen who cannot and must not be further impoverished.

It is obvious that we must face certain rises in costs, and continue to face them until some time after peace returns, particularly those class of goods which are imported from non-sterling countries.

The Government has adequate powers for dealing with profiteering in Hongkong. In certain cases, notably a number of foodstuffs, it has fixed prices and alterations are announced week by week in the "Government Gazette." But the same control was exercised in the last week and, as a glance at our 1914-15 files discloses, many private individuals in Hongkong lined their pockets with complete disregard for the public welfare.

The Hongkong public has gone through critical times during the past two years and cannot be asked to tolerate any repetition of the 1914 profiteering. If unreasonable prices were confined to one or two articles with which the people can, in a pinch, dispense, profiteering would be an irritating rather than a nationally vital matter.

But it appears gradually to be spreading to all commodities not yet the subject of Government control. We mention as an instance the soaring price of fire-wood, an article with which the Chinese population cannot dispense. We ask the proper authorities to compare the prices now ruling with those existing before the war. We ask, too, that some enquiries be made regarding the increase in the price of coal.

Here are at least two items, of which there is no shortage, which commend themselves to the attention of the Price Fixing Board.

SCANDINAVIAN NEWS REEL

PEACEFUL Scandinavia is to-day threatened on two sides.

Russia's attack on Finland undermines the independence of Sweden and hence of Norway, too, and Denmark has nothing to gain from the conversion of the Baltic into a Russian lake.

From Germany comes another threat. As yet it is only in the verbal stage, but it is no less real for that. The Nazi Press attacks Norway and Sweden for their friendly attitude to the Allies, while Denmark balances on a tight-rope between Nazi threats and the vital need to maintain exports.

For each one of these countries there is a growing danger of being drawn into the new game of power politics that is going on round the shores of the Baltic and in the northern waters of the Atlantic.



THE 'DIGGER'

THE "Digger" is in the picture again. He is once more rallying to the call of battle.

The Australian soldier in the last war, who preferred the above title to any other, had a personality all his own. He hated to be "militarised." Discipline, as applied in the home Army, was anathema to him, and his disregard of the stringent military laws when "out of the line" was refreshing and amusing to witness.

His contempt for discipline did not, however, in any way affect his qualities as a fighter (as the Germans have reason to remember), nor his loyalty to his leaders. There was a fine understanding between officers and men and when off parade rank counted for little.

As an illustration of this, here is a story that went the rounds.

A certain well-known General was due to inspect a battalion of "Aussies" Their C.O. had some misgivings as to how the men would behave before him, so he thought a little precautionary advice would not go amiss. Just before the "big moment" he appealed to them "not to spit in the ranks and not to call him Bill while the General was reviewing them!"

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The transgression of Army rules was "meat" to the "Digger's" nature. Our company was lined up on parade in a village street in France, our Captain astride his horse. The Australians were billeted in the same village, and two of their number came sauntering up the street. Instead of passing the company at the rear they proceeded to walk along the front rank.

Our Captain nearly fell off his horse with rage, bellowing out, "Where the devil do you think you are going?"

"Who? Us?" innocently queried one of them. "Oh, just up the road!"

The Old Man, red in the face, blurted out, "Sergeant-major, put that man under arrest!" No sooner said than done.

His pal, who was still a free agent, said, "It's all right, Jack. I'll fetch the mob!"

Knowing the Australians, this threat was too much for our Captain, who, as soon as Jack's pal was out of sight, gave an order to release the detained man.

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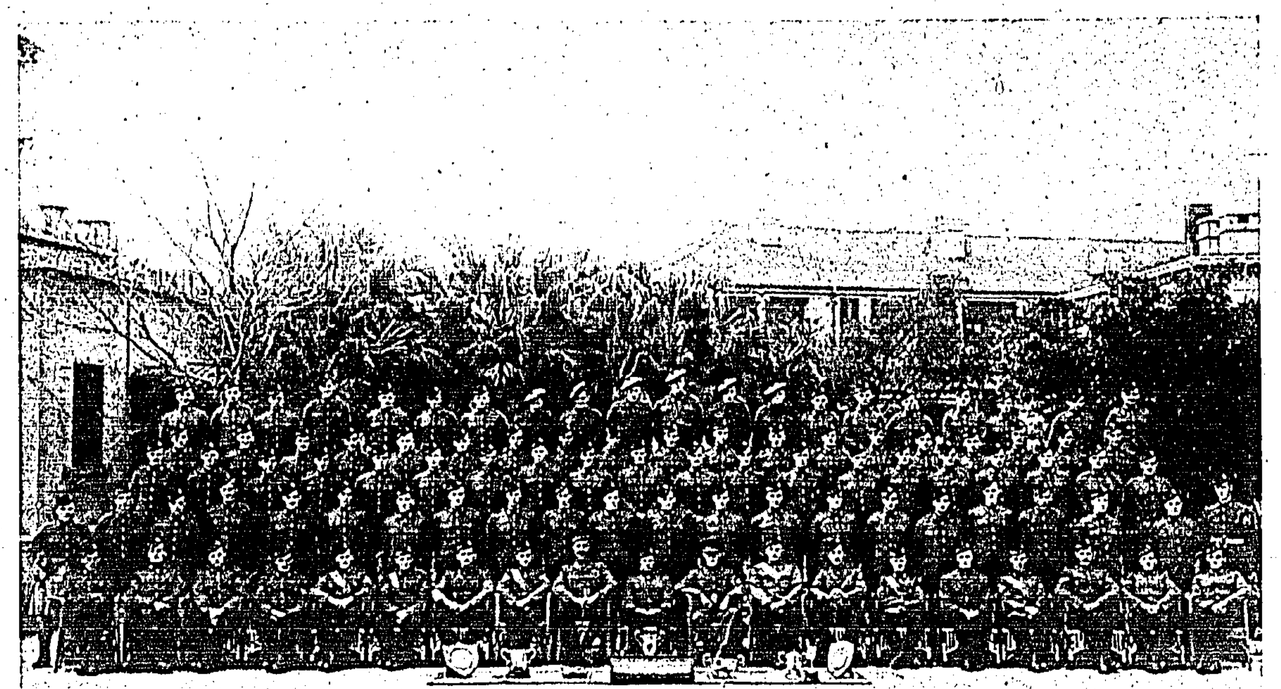
The "Digger" was a grand forager, and never wanted for anything if it was to be had, as our company had reason to know.

One very dark night a couple of them (they always seemed to go about in twos), leading a pair of horses, came into our camp and asked for the sergeant-major. On that worthy showing himself, they presented him with a note, saying, "We have come for your G.S. (general service) waggon; here is our authority" (handing him a folded piece of paper). The S.M. went off to find a lamp to read the note. Meanwhile the two "Diggers" were yoking their horses to our waggon, and by the time the S.M. found a lamp, and that he had been tricked by a blank sheet of paper, the waggon was out of sight. An intensive search of the surrounding country the following day failed to reveal its whereabouts.

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COLONEL JAMES B. CRAWFORD, of Manila, photographed when making a speech at a tea party given in his honour by General Chiu Hsiao-wei, President and Chief Editor of the "Observatory", a semi-weekly review. The party was held at the Gloucester Hotel.—Ming Yuen.



THE GROUP PHOTOGRAPH ABOVE is of the officers and men of the "C" Company of the Royal Scots Regiment. The photograph was taken at Murray Barracks last week.—Ming Yuen.



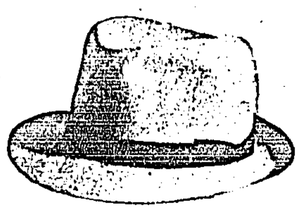
HAPPY NEWLY-WEDS. Mr. and Mrs. George C. Moss (shown at right) who were married at St. Andrew's Church last week. The bride was formerly Miss Kathleen Eleanor Tonge.—Ming Yuen.



FRIENDS AND RELATIONS of the happy couple gathered for this group photograph which was taken after the recent Moss-Tonge wedding at St. Andrew's Church.—Ming Yuen.



MRS. G. C. MOSS, formerly Miss K. E. Tonge, and her two bridesmaids, the Misses Vicky Moss, sister of the bridegroom, and Maisie Tillery.—Ming Yuen.



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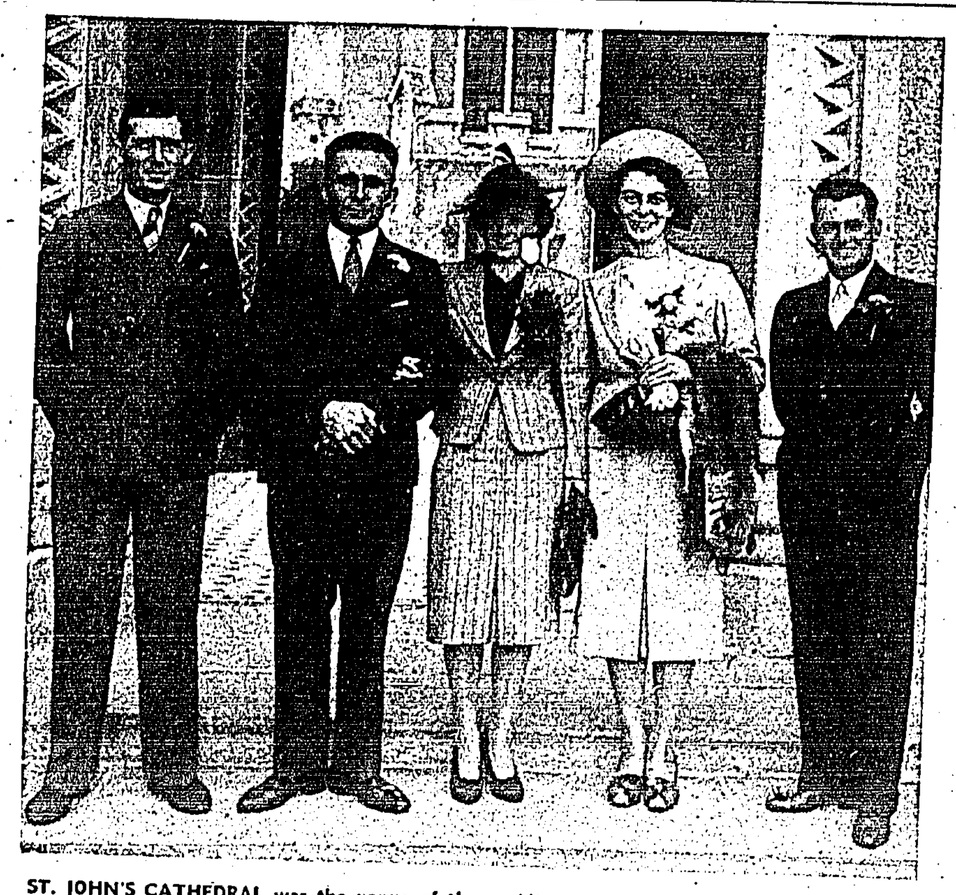
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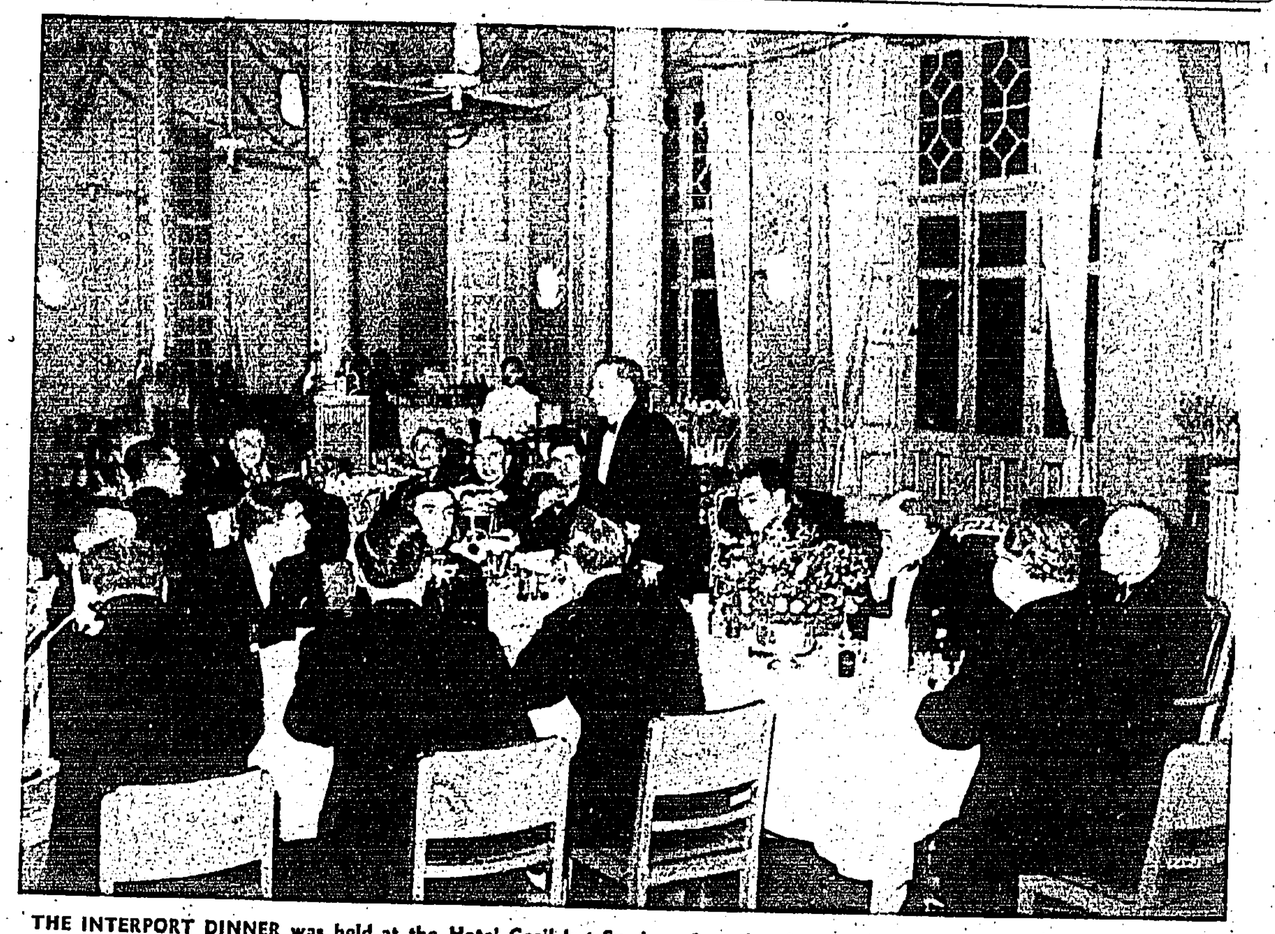
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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL was the venue of the wedding last Saturday of Mr. Leonard James Fordham, Prison Officer at Stanley, to Miss Marjorie Wakeling, of Victoria Park, London.—Ming Yuen.



THE INTERPORT DINNER was held at the Hotel Cecil last Sunday when the above photograph was taken. Included in the group are the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith (standing), M. Barain, manager of the Saigon team, M. Dupuy, French Consul, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. Lee Wai-tong, Sir Atholl MacGregor and M. Guichard, of the Saigon Team.—Moo Cheung.



THIS GROUP PHOTOGRAPH, taken at Stanley last week, is of the Hongkong Prison Warden's Company of the H.K.V.D.C. Seated in the centre of the group is Major J. L. Wilcocks, Commissioner of Prisons.—Staff Photographer.

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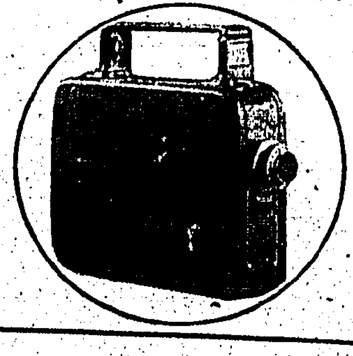
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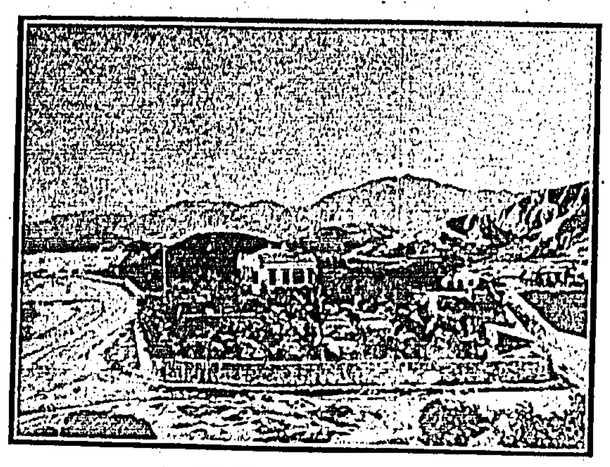
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A "polite" name given to "this noisy, quarrelsome, discontented little island" of Hongkong during mid-Nineteenth Century was "the Hinge of Hell." At that time, the London newspapers clamoured for the appointment of a Dictator to rule the Colony, a piece of whose early history is given below.



An Old View of Kowloon.

HONGKONG, HINGE OF HELL

The various quarrels that broke out from time to time among the officials of Hongkong soon after it became a British Colony gradually fomented in England until sharp reference was made to them in the "Times" of March 15, 1850.

Hongkong was dealt with in very measured terms by the "Times".

"The sound of the name," said the article, "in our Parliamentary proceedings never bodes good to our national interests. It is always connected with some fatal pestilence, some doubtful war, or some discreditable internal squabble; so much so that, in popular language, the name of this noisy, quarrelsome, discontented and insalubrious little island may not inaptly be used as a euphemous synonym for a place not mentionable to ears polite."

This probably accounts for the saying likening Hongkong to the hinge of an equally unmentionable place. If, indeed, Hongkong were as bad as the above passage seems to indicate, there is more than a little justification for a subsequent wish in the same article that the sea should take it back again.

The wish of the "Times" for the appointment of some one in the nature of a Dictator would show that, even at this time, people at home realised the necessity for stringent methods in dealing with the unfortunate state of affairs that marred the early history of the Colony.

To deal fully with the various quarrels, jealousies, and intrigues that were characteristic of colonial life in Hongkong would take more space than history of that nature deserves, but the repeated attempts to remove different men from office, the suspensions of others for charges on which they were never punished, and the general failure to free the innocent from blame and to punish the guilty, left the affairs of Hongkong in a state of chaos unbelievable at the present time.

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INCIDENTALLY, perusal of old papers dealing with the history of Hongkong tends to show that the journalism of fifty years ago was redder-blooded than is that of the present day.

As an example of contemporaneous invective the following from the "Morning Herald" (A Home paper) is certainly interesting:

"It is annoying to see an empty - headed, malevolent, lying political quack like old— drawing upon himself such notoriety. True, it is unenviable but it makes no difference to him; for being as unscrupulous as Louis Napoleon, and having about as much idea of propriety as Titus Oates, our opinion is he would be at bliss in a pillory so long as none of the bystanders threw anything hard at him."

The subject of this interesting comment was, at the time, Governor of Hongkong.

The history of Hongkong might be divided into two parts quite easily—when it had Kowloon and when it had not. It was in 1861, that Kowloon was handed over to the British with due form and ceremony, Saturday afternoon, January 19, being the time and date.

The British representative journeyed to Kowloon, without the use of a ferry, landed on the mud bank and beach that existed and met four Chinese mandarins. They handed the British a handful of earth wrapped up in paper, and Kowloon had been transferred.

That handful of earth represented about four square miles of land which has since been extended by the addition of the New Territories.

Of course, a Proclamation had to be read—the Chinese version being displayed on a placard—the standard raised and a salvo of cannon fired. Kowloon was then an appanage of England.

Apparently, Kowloon was a separate colony for it any rate a little while after the cession for the Captain Superintendent of Police was appointed Commissioner of Kowloon. Later in the year, a proclamation finally incorporated Kowloon with Hongkong and put it in the political position that it occupies to-day.

Though there are residents who remember the peninsula as a piece of land with a muddy shore, Kowloon, shortly after its transfer to the Queen, must have had a goodly population of its own, as it was the site of a camp when Allied forces of French and English, engaged on an expedition to China, were quartered there for some time.



THE LITTLE CORPORAL: "I wonder! Should I shave it?"

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Method of scoring is to take two points for each question answered correctly. Top score is 50, but 30-40 is not so bad. Below 30 is not so good.

1.—These three completely unrelated things go by the one name. What is it?

Portion of the human body; a town in Central America; a punctuation mark.

2.—Carbuncle is the name given to an out-size in boils. It is also the name of:—

An English garden flower; a river in Asia Minor; a dark red precious stone; an abrasive substance used in engineering.

3.—There's a catch in this one, so read very carefully. An accolade is:—

A decoration on doors or windows; a ceremony used in conferring a knighthood; a brace joining separate staves in music.

4.—Two of these men are (1) Governor and (2) Prime Minister of Northern Ireland:—

Duke of Abercorn; Viscount Craigavon; Dr. Hyde; Marquess of Londonderry; Earl Winterton.

5.—In land operations, the primary use of the armoured car is:—

For smashing through barbed wire entanglements; to break the enemy's resistance; for reconnaissance work; for carrying brass-hats out of danger areas.

6.—Many Europeans prefer to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany rather than Christmas. Epiphany commemorates the:—

Flight into Egypt; Presentation in the Temple; Coming of the Magi; Massacre of the Innocents; Transfiguration.

7.—Condor is the name of:—

A brain disease; a disinfectant; a French author of the 18th century; a kind of vulture; a town in France.

8.—If you went looking for a grieve, you would expect to find one:—

Swimming in an English river; growing in a French garden; superintending a farm in Scotland; digging a grave.

9.—When I was imbibing history, or geography, or whatever it was at school, the Plains of Abraham were in:—

Arabia; Palestine; Irak; Poland; Syria; Canada.

10.—If you've read your Scriptures you'll know that two of these Books of the Bible begin with the words, "In the beginning":—

Jeremiah; St. Matthew; Revelation; Genesis; Romans; St. John.

11.—Only one of these European kings is not a Knight of the Garter, which is Britain's highest Order of Chivalry. Who is the odd man out?—

Belgium; Bulgaria; Italy; Denmark; Greece; Norway; Sweden.

12.—Certain of these 19th century churchmen became Roman Catholics. Which?—

Keble; Manning; Newman; Pusey.

13.—Only one of these words means a nickname:—

Sobriquet; sorites; souffle; soubrete; soupcon.

14.—These fellows have left a few marks on history, and, although they aren't so much in the picture to-day, only one of them is dead:—

Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany; ex-King Ferdinand of Bulgaria; Field-Marshal von Mackensen; Lenin; Trotsky.

15.—What are the meanings of: *A.N.Z.A.C., B.E.F., U.S.S.R.*

16.—Six of these men were philosophers, the other a famous orator. Which?—

Plato; Aristotle; Epictetus; Epicurus; Zeno; Demosthenes; Socrates.

17.—I expect you have used the expression, "under the aegis of," without knowing that aegis means:

A blue sky; a cloak making the wearer invisible; a shield; a roof; an umbrella.

18.—Which of these four profound statements are correct?—

Rainbows can be seen at night; there are more than 200 bones in the human body; a cat cannot see in complete darkness; Portuguese is the language of Brazil.

19.—Quoth Murgatroyd: "I am feeling poorly. I think I'll take some calumet and go to bed." Said I: "Screwy again." A calumet is:—

A small African desert animal; part of a flower; an Indian peace-pipe; a cotton fabric.

20.—Copal is largely used in the manufacture of:—

Textiles; varnishes; confectionery; patent medicines; pottery.

21.—When the Nazis manufacture a substitute or synthetic product they generally label it:—

Lebensraum; Blitzkrieg; Ersatz; Drang nach Osten; Schrecklichkeit.

22.—Ginseng is not the term for an aboriginal female quartet. It is:—

A Chinese intoxicating drink; a town in Outer Mongolia; a river in Manchuria; a medicinal root highly valued in China; a mountain in Korea.

23.—The percentage of illiteracy is highest in:—

India; Portugal; Turkey; Spain; Italy; Russia.

24.—Osborne is remembered by historians as the home of:—

Disraeli; Scott; Dickens; Queen Victoria; King Edward VIII.

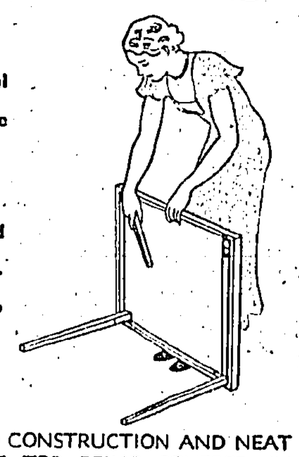
25.—The statue of Eros has been removed from Piccadilly Circus, London, to an undisclosed place of safety. The little statue commemorates:—

Charles II.; Nell Gwyn; Beau Brummell; Lord Shaftesbury; Queen Anne; Byron.

Answers on Page 8

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Men who had been sick a moment ago were out of their beds and running about with the spring of athletes. How great a part of their illnesses was psychological their doctors had not realised.

Oh, doctors, how little you know! A word is magic to drive away all those ailments and leave your precious, mysterious drugs watery. Words remain mightiest to lift men to the stars or condemn them.

Freedom. Home. Two days away. Such long days, too. And then that long, long journey.

After the first rush of blood, excitement was kept in check. They tried to behave as strong, silent men and traditional soldiers, but the journey added a beat of the heart for every mile.

For the last few miles men stood about in the train: in the corridors, in the compartments, greatcoats on, equipment adjusted, hats on, too, all on their toes as at the start of a race.

Home was home to every speck of dust. But we—how were we? Altered? Yes, I'm afraid so.

Automatically our bodies moved to the actions, which were habit, but our minds observed in slight amusement. And sometimes our bodies forgot and our minds noticed that, too.

You sat to tea and forgot to wash your hands. You wouldn't have done that before. Caught that time. Caught already, you see, and only a few weeks away from home.

And then, bit by bit, you took hold of the threads again and were happy. Once more you had time to sit before your fire and think, and dream your way through the ember fairyland.

War was as impossible, as incredible, as far away from those two slippers on the fender as ever.

You thought and dreamed. Of all war blew away who and what it would blow to fame.

Which man's life would be ruined by the distorted fame it gave to T. E. Lawrence? Who was the Rupert Brooke to lie mouldering in some foreign field? Where was the "Saki" awaiting to be shattered to eternity?

And how many new promises would be made, new crimes committed, new, virgin sheets filled with words in the name of this war? It was so futile, so endless, as all wars.

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SONGS would link themselves to glory with the names of new heroes.

But the names could crumble with the stone in which they were carved, while songs were carved in lips and became immortal, and would be as fresh as ever when the last ties of those who die will have broken away from this earth and followed on to the furthermost reaches of space.

Once more there were tales for a generation of writers, excuses for a dozen years of films, material for at least one more "Journey's End." All these things the war would do.

And when the dreaming was done you turned to the little material joys of pre-war life.

You fingered and turned the pages of the books you loved, and your eyes wandered over those precious, wise words spoken—words so precious, so incredibly wise that they were forgotten when men made wars.

They had to be forgotten or men were so wise as to laugh and see their folly. Wisdom and war are alike only in the first letter of their names.

And you saw those sights, breathed those smells, tasted those little joys that made life and caused such pain of longing in the dark stretches.

So the days passed, and time was quick, and within the breast rose defiance against return. But time is not afraid and offers no target for retaliation and goes on.

And then, at the highest peak, defiance died and you went back.

A swift word—you could not say more—a touch of the hand, a brush of the lips, a prayer, and it was gone, increasing in beauty with its very passing seconds.

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OF such weakness is man made: on such slavery does he exist.

A job remains to be finished and he drives himself through misery, despair, death for the name his country will honour him with—British.

Another Great War? How forlornly misplaced is the word "great." No wars are great or else the word is an outrage to the lives which are lived and called great.

Pray God for a swift return to those joys fleetingly re-tasted. Pray God for a speedy return to peace. Pray God that whatever they may call this war it shall not be the "Long War," and our cause will be the greater.

C. LAMPITT.

THE RULE OF CHARGING

Clarification Of Law Necessary: Variety Of Interpretations

(By "Rex")

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT and which has the biggest effect on local soccer, is the rule relating to shoulder charging. Charging, in especial the goalkeepers, is resorted to much more frequently these past weeks than I have known before, and in every case of charging the goalkeepers, the charger was penalised, even with the goalkeeper holding the ball.

According to the wording of the rule book, under the heading "Fouls and Misconduct," it is stated: "Charging is permissible so long as, in the opinion of the referee, it is fair, and the players concerned are attempting to play the ball"; and, in respect to goalkeepers: "A player shall be penalised if he intentionally charges the goalkeeper *except* when he (the goalkeeper) is holding the ball, or is wilfully obstructing an opponent. . . ."

It is not for me to decide what those words mean, or how it is intended that they should be interpreted by referees, but some referees have treated cases of charging with a great amount of circumspection. Whatever the rights or wrongs of such a course of action—and I repeat that I am not setting up in business as a football law interpreter—I think it will be agreed that it is just as well that the question is brought to the fore.

For the betterment of relations all round, a clear-cut charging rule, interpreted by all referees in the same way, must be given.

After all, the use of the shoulder charge in football is an important part of the game. There are some who would take the charge out of football completely, arguing that to stop charging would lead to an increase of skill in ball play. That is probably true. It would be much easier to work out a scheme according to plan, if the opponent were not allowed to use his shoulders to put you off the ball.

On the other hand—this would be an argument in favour—it is urged that the shoulder charge is what is called the safety valve of football. Referees who are strict about the charge, penalising if it is at all heavy, have the effect of tempting players to resort to less fair and more dangerous method of stopping an opponent. It is not going too far to say that an honest shoulder to shoulder charge, if not violent, does not hurt anybody.

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CONSIDER the most vital feature of charging. Contemplate on the words "provided the players concerned are attempting to play the ball." Obviously, different interpretations can be placed on these words, and I have witnessed many appeals, and sometimes arguments between referees and players, on the strength of the words as found in the Laws. At what distance away from the ball can players be said to be attempting to play it?

If a man is going full speed after the ball, which is a dozen yards away, is he attempting to play the ball? He cannot use his foot at that distance, but he is certainly going after it. The thought automatically occurs to his mind that, a slight bump unexpectedly given, will upset the speed of his opponent, and gain for him the advantage of arriving at the ball first. The thought foremost in his mind is to get to the ball first, and, therefore, he is attempting to play the ball at the expense of his opponent; but the thought of infringement, may force him to employ other methods, which are against all rules of soccer.

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THE suggestion that the rule should be revised to read: "The fair charge can only be made when players are in the act of playing the ball" is liable to bring down upon me the censure of the Association, as it would mean a revolution in the game as it is played now. But what other alternative is there?

Relating to the charging of goalkeepers—again the intention is there of playing the ball. The main concern of a forward is to get the ball past the posts. If the goalkeeper prevents him by using his person as an obstruction, or by holding the ball in his arms, the forward is well within his rights to bundle ball and goalkeeper into the goal, providing he employs fair means to do it.

One thing is certain. The charging business cannot be left in its present uncertain, and I might add, unsatisfactory state. It will be interesting to see how the thing develops, unless adequate provision is made for it.

SUBSTITUTES FOR DERBY AND OAKS

LONDON, Feb. 16 (UP).—The Jockey Club have announced that substitute for the classics, Derby and the Oaks, for 1940 will be a two-day meeting, which shall, if possible, be run at Newbury on June 12 and 13. Entries, therefore, close on February 27.

Should the race track at Newbury be unavailable, the races will be held at Newmarket.

NOW YOU KNOW

Answers from Page 7.

1—Colon.
2—A dark-red precious stone.
3—All three.
4—(1) Duke of Abercorn; (2) Viscount Craigavon.
5—For reconnaissance work.
6—Coming of the Magi.
7—A kind of vulture.
8—Superintending a farm in Scotland.
9—Canada.
10—Genesis; St. John.
11—Bulgaria.
12—Manning; Newman.
13—Sobriquet.
14—Lenin.
15—Australian, New Zealand Army Corps; British Expeditionary Force; Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.
16—Demosthenes.
17—A shield.
18—The four of them.
19—An Indian peace-pipe.
20—Vanishes.
21—Ersatz.
22—A medicinal root highly valued in China.
23—India.
24—Queen Victoria.
25—Lord Shaftesbury.

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Triumphant Day
Cockleroi

TRIAL PLATE
Mount Hope Bay
Satinlight
Johnber

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Catterick Bridge
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CURRAGH HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)
Strathbannock
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Soldier of Britain

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Franklin

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CURRAGH HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)
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CORAL HANDICAP
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Cockleroi
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TRIAL PLATE
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Craigavad

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES (SECOND SECTION)
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Viceroy
Jungle Princess

CURRAGH HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)
Advancing Time
Salvage Master
Clowner

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES (THIRD SECTION)
Far View
Flying Dutchman
Sea Jay

DAILY DOUBLE EVENT
Mount Hope Bay/Advancing Time

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The following selections were made by "Last Quarter" in the Hongkong Daily Press:

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Criffel

MAIDEN STAKES
Spicylight
Dupont Bay
White Diamond

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES (FIRST SECTION)
Australian Diamond
Ascot Day
Amicus Curiae

CURRAGH HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)
Boolat Bay
Galveston Bay
Rose-Queen

CORAL HANDICAP
Lucky Lad
Baffin Bay
Triumphant Day

TRIAL PLATE
Mount Hope Bay
Satinlight
Johnber

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES (SECOND SECTION)
Sapper
Viceroy
Winnie

CURRAGH HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)
Strathbannock
Salvage Master
Advancing Time

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES (THIRD SECTION)
Far View
Sea Jay
Vanity Fair

DAILY DOUBLE
Mount Hope Bay/Strathbannock

"Rox" answers problem

That Second Goal Against Saigon

MUCH CONTROVERSY has arisen over the second goal scored by South China in their match with Saigon. From exhaustive enquiries made, the ultimate conclusion reached, which incidentally corresponds with mine, is that Lee Wai-tong was offside when Lai took that kick.

The whole position, as I saw it, and the majority of opinions agree with mine, was like this.—

Tai attempted to evade the rush of Chan Tak-fai, and took more than the four steps permitted by Law 12, section (g) of the Rules of Association Football. An indirect free-kick is the penalty for infringement of this law. The ball was dropped by Tai when the whistle was blown, and it was promptly picked by Lai who moved a few paces forward, placed the ball on the ground and took his stance a few feet behind the ball. Lee was *two steps to the fore* of Lai. What happened then took place within a few seconds.

The entire Saigon defence seeing the kick was against them walked over to the referee, who was slightly *behind* both Lai and Lee, presumably to ask the reason for the "penalty." This was later confirmed by the Saigon players themselves. The referee motioned to Lai to take the kick. Lai tapped the ball *forward* to Lee who made no other movement except to flick his right leg sending the ball almost brushing past Tai at goal.

Even Tai had his attention centred on his team mates remonstrating with the referee, so much so that, no attempt was made by Tai to save the goal.

Final Trials Over Short Distances

The following were the complete times of the final sprint trials held at Happy Valley yesterday:

	Distance	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	Last Qr.
Sea Jay	A	27	54	27
Vanity Fair	A	27	54	27
Cheerful Star	A	29.2	57.2	28
Shuttlecock	A	29.2	57.2	28
Gold Coin		31		31
Lucky Lady	A	31.1	57.2	26.2
Australian Prince	A	27		27
Ohio	G	33.3	1.01	27.2
Scenic View		34.3	1.00.3	33
Satinlight	G	29.2	57.3	28
Blue Skies	G	33.3		33.3
Smiling Time		33.1	1.03.1	30
This Time		33.1	1.03.1	30
Vixen Tor		27.1	53.4	26.3
Kentucky	G	29.4		29.4
Commencement Bay	G	29.4		29.4
Bronze Arrow	G	37	1.09	33
Flying Dutchman	A	27.3	54	26.3
Maple Star	A	27.2	54.4	27.2
Twilight Star	A	27.2	54.4	27.2
Circe	A	27.1	56.2	29.1
Heinz	A	27.1	56.2	29.1
Albury	A	31.4	58	26.1
Distinctive Time	G	29	57.2	28.2
Income Tax	A	29.2		29.2
Rose Emily		30.3		30.3
Spicylight	G	31.3	1.00.1	28.3
Quick Despatch	A	31.3	1.00.1	28.3
Hillsboro Bay	G	31	1.00.2	29.2
Galveston Bay	G	31	1.00.2	29.2
Nancy Lee	A	29	58.1	29.1
Dawn Star		31		31
Lovely Star		31		31
Lovely Kid	A	34.4	1.04.4	30
Boolat Bay	A	34.4	1.04.4	30
Navylight		33	1.04.4	31.4
Sapper	A	29.4		29.4
Tampa Bay		31	1.01.2	30.2
Willy Nilly		31	1.01.3	30.3
For All Time	G	30	59.2	29.2
Just In Time	G	30	59.2	29.2
Xenophon	G	33	1.00.3	30.3
Winnie	A	29.3	56.2	27
Amicus Curiae	A	29.3	56.2	27
Possible	G	27.4		27.4
Princess Claro	A	26		26
Courting Eve		28.2	54.4	26.2
Triumphant Day		29.1	57.1	28
Silverwings	G	32.2	1.02	29.3
Breasay		30.2		30.2
Geordie		30.2		30.2
Dupont Bay	G	34.4	1.03.1	28.3
A Roaring Time		30.3	58.2	28
Winfred		27		27
Rob Roy		33	1.05	32
Sylvandale		29		29
Forehand Drive		28.4		28.4
Some Hope		30		30
Piccadilly Jim	A	27		27
Craigavad	G	36.3	1.04.4	28.1
Hughber	G	32	1.02	30
Criffel		27.2	54	26.2
Baffin Bay		27.3		27.3
Mount Hope Bay	G	28		28
Many Thanks	A	30.3	59.2	29.4
Far View	A	29.3		29.3
Grand Allegiance	A	29.3		29.3
Diogenes		31.3		31.3
Victoria		32.2	1.03	30.3
Red Feather		32	1.02.4	30.4
Rose Evelyn		33.1		32.1
Hopeful Star	G	31	1.00.2	29
Comedy Star	A	31	1.00.2	29
Dekko		30.3		30.3
Franklin	A	26		26
O-Lan	G	32	1.01	29
Lucky Lad		32	1.00.2	28.2
Viceroy	A	26.2	53.2	27
Cockleroi		29.3	56	27.3
Spring Shine	A	29.3	53.2	27
Conquering Time		30	1.01	29
Matador		31.1		31.1
Golden Cow		31.1		31.1
Powerful Kid	A	29.4	56.4	27
Eve of Harvest		33.2	1.02.4	29.2
Smashing Through	G	31	59.2	28.2
Cairnton	A	29		29
Guiness Time		30		30
Attracting Time	G	30		30

THOUSANDS OF ENTRIES FOR MONDAY

Thirty-Four Nominations For Hongkong Derby

ENTRIES AND HANDICAPS for the events to be held on Monday are as follow:

FOOCHOW CUP

12.00 noon.—Bear Claw, Blue Skies, Confusion Bay, Desert Chief, Eve of Harvest, Happy Eve, Navylight, Racylight, Satinlight, Spicylight.

PERTH PLATE

12.30 p.m.—A Good Time (152), Alber (155), Ascot Day (155) Australian Diamond (155), Busylight (152), Catterick Bridge (152), Circe (155), Contact (152), Fair Chance (155), Finalist (155), Flying Dutchman (152), Forehand Drive (152), Franklin (155), Grand Allegiance (152), Income Tax (155), Jungle Princess (152), Kitti (152), Maple Star (152), Melody Star (155), Piccadilly Jim (155), Pumelo (152), Rowan (155), Sapper (155), Sea Jay (155), Springhurst (152), Vanity Fair (155), Venus Bay (155), Winnie (155).

LUSITANO CUP.

1. p.m.—Alexandria Bay (161), Attacking Time (158), Bronze Arrow (161), Burford (161), Carefree (161), Charlesber (161), Clember (161), Common View (161), Dingo (158), Distinctive Time (161), Dupont Bay (161), Eve of Dancing (161), Eve of Folly (158), Eve of Hunting (158), Eve of Peace (158), Eve of Reason (161), Eve of Rest (158), For All Time (161), Forty Three (158), Gay Star (161), Gretber (161), Hillsboro Bay (155), Hopeful Star (161), Hughber (161), Hurricane (165), Jane Doe (161), Johnber (158), Kentucky (155), Lauraber (161), Law and Order (161), Leading Time (161), Little Princess (155), Lusitania (161), Mount Hope Bay (161), Ojibway (161), O-Lan (158), Omaha (161), Osage (155), Palber (161), Patricia (161), Possible (158), Racylight (161), Resisting Time (158), Ronson (160), Rose Charming (161), Rose Elegant (161), Rose Perfect (161), Royber (161), Satinlight (161), Silverwings (161), Smashing Through (161), Spicylight (161), Victoria (161), White Diamond (158), Xenophon (161).

GARRISON CUP

1.30 p.m.—Bistre (158), Celtic Star (165), Clowner (155), Guinness Time (163), King Kong (163), Kut Cheung (157), Musketeer (157), Rose Evelyn (165), Salvage Master (161), Smiling Thru (161), Sports Venture (161), Starlet (161), The Leopard (161), Wild Cat (155).

KARA KARA HANDICAP

3. p.m.—Aztec (165), Brutus (158), Colorado Star (135), Dick Turpin (143), Discovery Bay (145), Heinz (135), Macquarie River (145), Murray River (140), Perfect Day (152), Ruby Star (135), Sea Urchin (152), Strathcarrick (158), Twilight Star (149).

AMOY HANDICAP

3.30 p.m.—Avon (151), Bear Claw (165), Blue Express (165), Conquering Time (161), English Cavalier (156), Eve of Heaven (156), Galaxy (160), Hectic View (143), Humdrum Eve (151), Hyndford Bridge (153), King's Warden (163), Lilliber (152), Red Feather (161), Rob Roy (152), Rose Emily (153).

MELBOURNE CUP

4 p.m.—A Grand Time (154), A Roaring Time (150), Baffin Bay (145), Centre Court (164), Cheerful Star (140), Cockleroi (145), Courting Eve (154), Criffel (154), Devonian (150), Fair Chance (140), King's Privilege (154), Lucky Lad (154), Maple Star (140), Melody Star (140), Murrumbidgee (140), Strathroy (154), Tornado Star (154), Triumphant Day (150), Viceroy (140), Winifred (140).

Derby Sweep Sales Mount To 670,000

At the close yesterday, the Hongkong Jockey Club had sold 660,800 tickets in the Hongkong Derby Sweepstake. By 9.15 this morning, 15 minutes after opening, the sales had reached 671,000.

There is a terrific rush at Exchange Building, possibly because the office closes at 10 a.m. owing to the races, or because of rumours circulating that the sweep is to close at 700,000.

Enquiries at the Jockey Club office this morning reveal that the rumours are unfounded, and that the sweep is going on and on.

Royal Scots Win K.O.Y.L.I. Polo Cup

THE ROYAL SCOTS defeated the Hongkong-Singapore Regiment, Royal Artillery, by the narrow margin of 5-4 in the final of the K.O.Y.L.I. Polo Cup competition at Boundary Street yesterday.

Goal scorers were:

First chukker.—Capt. Burn (R.S.), Major Penfold (H.K.S.R.A.), Capt. Wilson (H.K.S.R.A.) and Col. McDougall (R.S.). Score 2-2.

Second chukker.—Capt. Wilson (H.K.S.R.A.), Score 2-3.

Third chukker.—Capt. Burn (R.S.) and Lt. Fargus (R.S.). Score 4-3.

Fourth chukker.—Capt. Burn (R.S.) and Lt. Smith (H.K.S.R.A.). Final score 5-4.

Hongkong Derby

4.30 p.m.—Attacking Time (158), Bronze Arrow (161), Burford (161), Care Free (161), Charlesber (161), Clember (161), Craigavad (161), Distinctive Time (161), Dupont Bay (161), Eve of Dancing (161), Eve of Folly (158), Eve of Peace (158), For All Time (161), Forty Three (158), Gay Star (161), Gretber (161), Hopeful Star (161), Jane Doe (161), Johnber (158), Lauraber (161), Leading Time (161), Lusitania (161), Mount Hope Bay (161), Ohio (161), O-Lan (158), Palber (161), Possible (158), Racylight (161), Royber (161), Satinlight (161), Spicylight (161), Victoria (161), White Diamond (158), Xenophon (161).

AMOY HANDICAP

5 p.m.—Blue Diamond (164), Expansion Time (155), Gladintor (140), Half-Moon Eve (161), Jennifer (158), Jober (161), Just In Time (140), Lancashire Lass (154), New Star (165), Oak Bay (146), Peaceful View (156), Pinfarthings (151), Potentate (161), Rose Flana (154), Rose Jane (140), Taxing Master (144).

WAKOOL HANDICAP

5.30 p.m.—Amber II (167), Aztec (165), Colorado Star (135), Dick Turpin (143), Discovery Bay (145), Heinz (135), Macquarie River (145), Perfect Day (152), Poconos (148), Ruby Star (135), Sea Urchin (152), Strathcarrick (158), Tarzan (135), Twilight Star (149), Violet Queen (152), Zodiac (135).



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POSTERS REMOVED

Anti-British Placards Destroyed In Peiping

PEIPING, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—According to a reliable report, the local police authorities have received instructions to remove all traces of anti-British posters and destroy unused stacks of these posters.

The police are also instructing Chinese shop-keepers to remove signs in the Japanese language from the shop-fronts and shop windows.

In a statement to-day on the recent disruption of the Peiping-Hangchow Railway through the destruction of the railway bridge to the south of Taotingfu, a Japanese spokesman denied that this was due to guerilla activity and stated that the accident was due to overweight locomotives on the line.

It is known locally that the railway has been interrupted since February 6, running only as far as Taotingfu from Peiping and it was previously reported that this was due to guerilla activity.

Traffic on the railway south of Taotingfu was reported to have been resumed yesterday.

S'hai Roads Control

Details Of New Agreement

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The creation of a special police force for control of the Extra-Settlement Roads in the Western District of Shanghai was agreed in a *modus vivendi* which was signed this afternoon by Mr. Cornell S. Franklin, Chairman of the Municipal Council, and Fu Siao-en, Mayor of the Japanese-controlled City Government of Greater Shanghai.

The agreement provides for the establishment by the City Government of a special police force to have exclusive rights in functioning in the district during the period of the *modus vivendi*.

A suitable number of police stations and sub-stations would be established and the personnel will wear a distinctive uniform. The number and general structure of the force will be agreed as a result of consultations between the Chief of the City Government of Greater Shanghai Police Bureau and the Commissioner of the Shanghai Municipal Police.

In Case Of Disputes

In case of any disagreement arising between S. M. C. nominated officers and officers appointed by the City Government reference would be made to the Chief of Police of the City Government and Commissioner of the Shanghai Municipal Police for consideration. Failing a settlement in this way, the disagreement, if necessary, may be referred to the Mayor of Greater Shanghai and the Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council.

The Japanese announce that in view of the initialling of the outside roads agreement they are ready to resume negotiations for the International Settlement Police to resume their functions in the areas belonging to the Settlement to the north of Soochow Creek which the Japanese have controlled since 1937.

NATIONAL LOAN APPROVED

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The Lower House of the Netherlands Parliament passed unanimously a bill authorising the issue of a semi-compulsory loan of $40,000,000. The bill has already been passed by the Second Chamber.

Mr. C. C. Roberts has been appointed to be a member of the Volunteer Advisory Committee during the absence of Mr. W. H. Lock who has been serving on this committee during the absence of Mr. J. R. Musson.

VOLUNTEERS CRICKET WEEK

The following teams have been chosen to represent the Hongkong Volunteers in cricket matches during Race Week:

v. Hongkong C.C.

Club.—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), B. C. Fay, Capt. D. C. E. Grose, M. F. L. Haynes, H. Owen Hughes, L. D. Kilbee, Capt. J. F. Lawrence, A. K. Mackenzie, D. O. Parsons, J. E. Richardson, D. S. Robb.

Volunteers.—R. M. King (Capt.), C. G. Aitkenhead, D. J. N. Anderson, D. de S. Carey, E. C. Fincher, R. H. Griffiths, N. D. Lloyd, H. L. Ozorio, E. M. L. Soares, E. Zimmern (W), F. R. Zimmern.

v. Kowloon C.C.

The following will represent Club against Kowloon at Cox's Road on Tuesday.—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), D. de S. Carey, J. H. Fox (W), R. H. Griffiths, C. W. Haynes, R. M. King, H. Owen Hughes, A. K. Mackenzie, D. O. Parsons, A. E. Perry, F. R. Zimmern.

Volunteers v. Officers

Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps will meet Officers of the Corps on Wednesday on the Club ground when the following be on view:

Volunteers.—R. M. King (Capt.), C. G. Aitkenhead, D. de S. Carey, S. J. Cooke, G. E. R. Divett, R. H. Griffiths, N. A. E. Mackay, A. K. Mackenzie, A. Zimmern, E. Zimmern (W), F. R. Zimmern.

H.K.V.D.C. Officers.—Lt. Col. E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), Lieut. D. J. N. Anderson, Capt. J. H. Bottomley, Capt. R. R. Davies, Lieut. S. V. Gittins, Lieut. L. B. Holmes, Major H. Owen Hughes, 2/Lt. D. McLellan, Lieut. A. E. Perry, Lieut. A. M. Rodrigues, Major R. D. Walker.

Rugby Fifteens For Matches To-day

THERE WILL be two games of rugby football on the Sookunpoo ground this afternoon. The Police and Army meet at 4.15 p.m., and the Club "A" meet the Navy "A" at 3.15 p.m.

The following are the teams chosen:

Army.—Gunnr. Easterbrook (5 A.A.R. L/Bdr. Richards (8 H.R.A), L/Cpl Waite (R.E.), Lieut. Coombe (R.A.M.C.), L/Cpl. Birrell (R.E.); Lt. Douglas (R. Scots), L/Cpl. Foley (R.E.); Pte. Berry (Mdx. R.), Corpl. Sutherland (R. Scots), Lieut. Hewitt (Mdx. R.); 2/Lt. Millar (R. Scots), 2/Lt. Cuthbertson (R. Scots); 2/Lt. Pinkerton (R. Scots), Corpl. Sheldrake (R.E.), Lieut. Risdale (R. Norfolk R.).

Reserves.—Sapper. Artingstall (R.E.), L/Sgt. Marsh (8 H.R.A.), Corpl. Coombe (R. Scots), L/Sgt. Brinkley (R.E.).

Police.—J. Wall; R. Reynolds, H. W. Jackson, G. S. Wilson and D. H. Taylor; D. C. Fay and E. C. Luscombe; A. Wheeler, P. J. Cullinan, L. A. Searle; J. Rose, S. Innes; R. Wright-Nooth, J. Dempsey and J. S. Riddell.

Navy A.—Sig. Brierley; Tel. Bowden, Mid. O'Riordan, A. B. Gordon, Sub. Lt. Hill; Mid. Nicholl and Sto. Gallagher; L. S. A. Palmer, Lt. (E) Brown, P. O. Smart; Flt. Lt. Taylor, C. Wtr. King; Pay. Mid. Marshall, Shpt. Eager and Mid. Murray-Jones.

Reserves, Ldg. Wtr. Barlow, Tel. Honnywill, Mne. Jeffries and Pay. Sub. Lt. Summer.

Club.—H. F. Hopkins; A. N. Other, D. Hynes, T. O. Morgan, P. B. Wilson; M. G. Carruthers, R. Rutherford; R. E. Heasman, F. Burford, I. M. Macrae; L. B. M. Beattie, E. A. Bompas; W. B. Richardson, A. M. Kennedy (Capt.) and W. Stoker.

Unofficial J.P.'s To Elect Member

An election of a Justice of the Peace to serve on the Licensing Board for three years, *vice* Mr. Cyril Champkin, will take place in the Council Chamber of the Urban Council on Friday, March 15.

Forms of nomination may be obtained at the Hongkong Magistracy, and every nomination must be delivered to Mr. H. G. Sheldon, First Police Magistrate, not less than six clear days before the day fixed for the election.

The only persons entitled to vote at the election are the unofficial Justices of the Peace. Voting will commence at 4 p.m. and continue until 6 p.m. when the ballot-box will be closed.

Mr. H. J. Pearce, M.C., has been appointed to act as a Director of the Widows' and Orphans' Pension during the absence from the Colony of Mr. J. Ralston.

Mr. L. G. Morgan, B.SC., M.A., has been appointed to act as Senior Inspector of Schools, Education Department.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The National Committee of the Republican Party has decided to hold the National Convention on June 24 when the Party's candidate for the presidency will be chosen.



WINNIE COX
"Elizabeth Champion-Cheney"



BETH SMITH-WRIGHT
"Mrs. Shenstone



E. B. TEESDALE
"Edward Luton"



CECIL CHAMPKIN
"Lord Porteus"

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WEEK-END SOCCER FIXTURES

The following are the football league fixtures for the week-end:

To-day

Saigon Interport XI. v. Combined Chinese (Caroline Hill), 4 p.m.

FIRST DIVISION

Kowloon v. Middlesex (Kowloon), 4.15 p.m.

THIRD DIVISION

R.A.S.C. v. 12th Bty. R.A. (Kowloon), 2.45 p.m.

Signals v. Kumaons (Chatham Road), 2.45 p.m.

South China v. R. Scots (Caroline Hill), 2.30 p.m.

International v. 24th Bty. R.A. (Club), 2.45 p.m.

5th A.A., R.A. v. R.E. (Club), 4.15 p.m.

Electric v. R.A.M.C. (Prince Edward Road), 4.15 p.m.

To-morrow

FIRST DIVISION

Kwong Wah v. Middlesex (Boundary Street), 4.15 p.m.

Eastern v. Police (Club), 4.15 p.m.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1940
17th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 24th February

On **Saturday, 17th, Monday, 19th, Tuesday, 20th, and Wednesday, 21st February**, the first bell will be rung at **11.30 a.m.**, and the first race will be run at **12.00 NOON. On Saturday, 24th February**, the first bell will be rung at **1.30 p.m.** and the first race will be run at **2.00 p.m.**

The tiffin interval will be after the fourth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies **MUST** wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $10.00 per day including tax—or $40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies $5.00 and $20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will **NOT** be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21020).

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No amahs will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at $1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

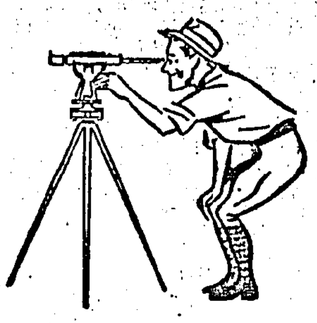
Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th February, 1940.



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Date Puddings

ONE pound of cooking dates stewed slowly for half an hour in a pint of water and the juice of half a lemon makes a good and unusual sweet for three or four people. Strain the syrup over and serve hot or cold.

For an economical date pudding, use ¼ lb dates, stoned and chopped, and the same quantity of grated potatoes; ½ lb self-raising flour, a pinch of salt; and enough milk and water to give a soft consistency. Steam in a greased basin for two hours.

W. B.

Do You Smoke Correctly?

DUE largely to the spread of the smoking habit among women, nearly twice as many cigarettes are smoked to-day as 20 years ago.

Yet, to a man, women still do not seem to have mastered the art of smoking. They smoke a cigarette too casually. They puff away at it, get the smoke in their eyes, and generally drop the cigarette into the ash-tray before it is three-quarters finished.

There is a right and a wrong way even of lighting a cigarette. The match should ont be applied until the phosphorous head has burned away, and then it should be held so that the end of the cigarette burns evenly.

In the case of a petrol lighter be careful not to hold a lighter so clumsily as to leave a carbon streak on the paper.

Some women smokers hammer the end of a cigarette against a table or their finger-nail. It is a useless trick which tobacco manufacturers deplore. They go to enormous trouble to shape the end of a cigarette neatly. "Tapping" only spoils the set of the paper and loosens the tobacco.

Too many women smoke a cigarette with nervous haste. A cigarette, it should be understood, is made from carefully nurtured and skilfully blended leaf, and is as worthy of studied attention as a choice wine.

One should not, perhaps, expect a woman to inhale, but at least she should give her palate an opportunity to savour the sweetness of the tobacco.

In that way a cigarette gently soothes jangled nerves, brings solace to the disturbed spirit, and gives to the full that pleasure which men have sought and found in nicotine since the day Sir Walter Raleigh popularised the pleasant habit of smoking in Elizabethan England.

Queen Elizabeth herself, it is said, once ventured to try a bowl of tobacco. She never tried again, but then, she had to use a pipe, and women, generally, never have been able to find much pleasure in a pipe.

G. A.

SHORT CUTS

Rub the cork from a bottle of glue with lard, when you first remove it, and it will not stick thereafter.

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French fry onions as follows: Cut onions crosswise in quarter inch slices, dip in milk, drain and dredge with flour. Fry in deep fat. When Brown, drain and sprinkle with salt and serve at once.

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Chamois gloves will be soft and pliable if a few drops of olive oil are added to the water in which they are washed.

Grease stains can be removed from most materials simply by placing the material right side down over brown wrapping paper and passing a hot iron over the stains on the wrong side.

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Rub burnt cake or toast gently with a regular grater and the burnt part will disappear better than if a knife were used for the purpose.

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Sweet oil rubbed on damp shoes will keep them free from cracking.



Patio pajamas with yellow for for the shirt, red for the floral print full trousers attached to corselet waistband fastening with corset hooks. In rayon and turquoise jewelry.

Finn Officer As Russian Spy

When a highly placed Finnish officer in Petsamo shot himself with his own revolver, details of the Russian espionage system in northern Finland came to light.

It appears that he—although commandant of the Finnish troops at Petsamo—was himself the chief of the local Russian espionage.

When the Russian invasion began he disposed of ammunition and supplies sent from Helsingfors so that the Finns had no weapons.

He also supplied the Russian commander with details of Finnish tactical dispositions, and gave him a plan showing all the land mines laid by the Finns.

Apparently it was owing to this treachery that the Finns were driven out of the Petsamo district early in the war.

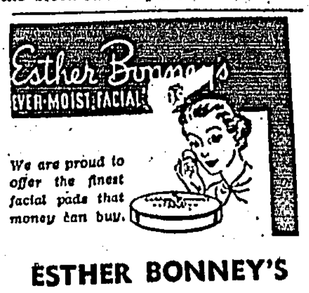
HE KEEPS HIS JOB THOUGH TURNED 70

House Painter Who Takes His Kruschen Every Day

How many painters can continue to work when they are over 70? Here is one who can—and he still does some of the most trying jobs in his trade. How does he do it? He tells us in this letter:—

"I have been in the habit of taking a few grains of Kruschen Salts in every cup of tea I have had for a great number of years. I may state that I am turned 70 years of age, being born on July 22nd, 1864. I am a house painter by trade and still at work. I can work off any ladder, no matter what height, or in cradles which are hung outside high buildings. I have been asked many times how I carry my age so well, as I only look about 50. Well, I tell them all that I take Kruschen Salts regularly every day."—J.S.A.

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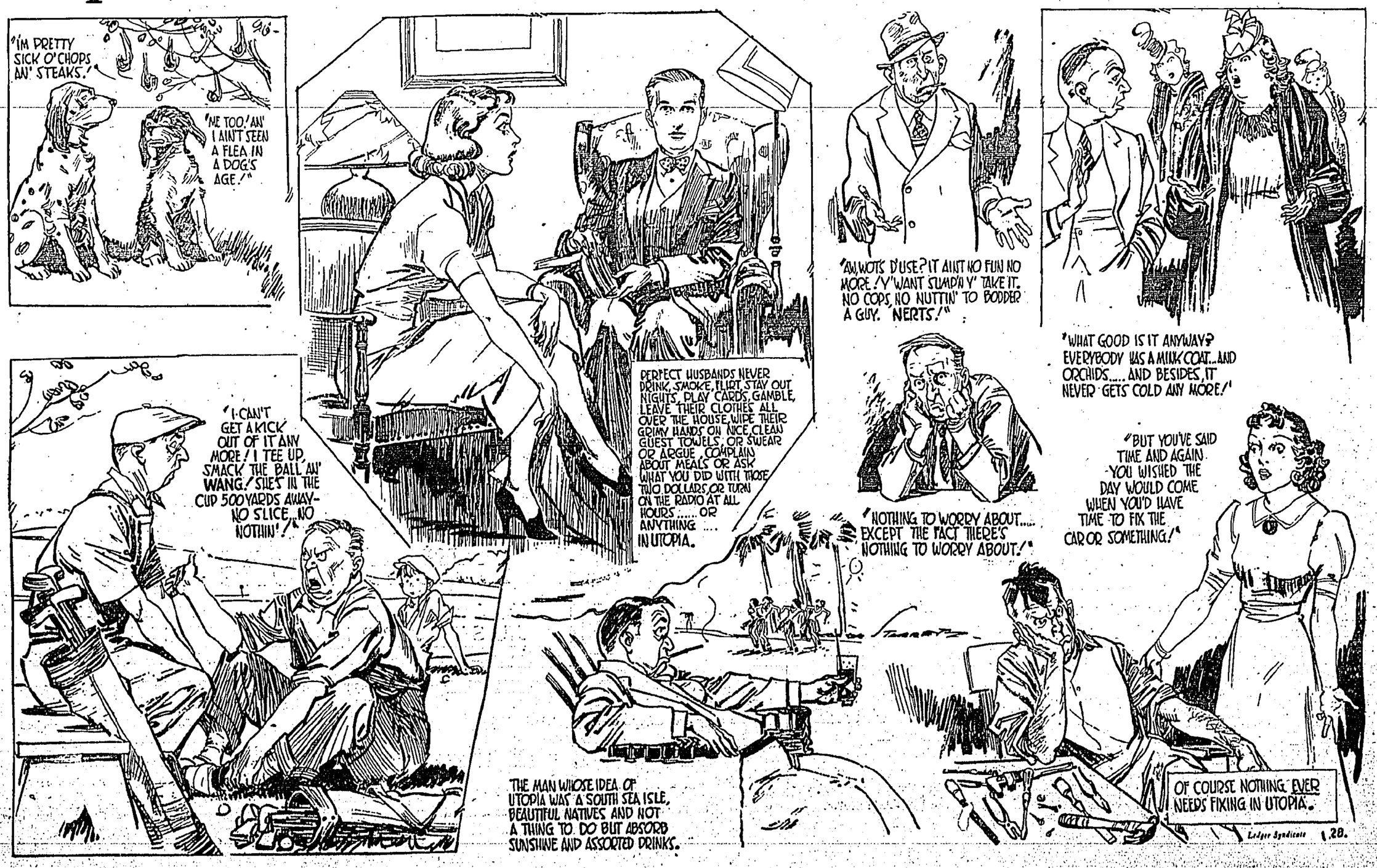
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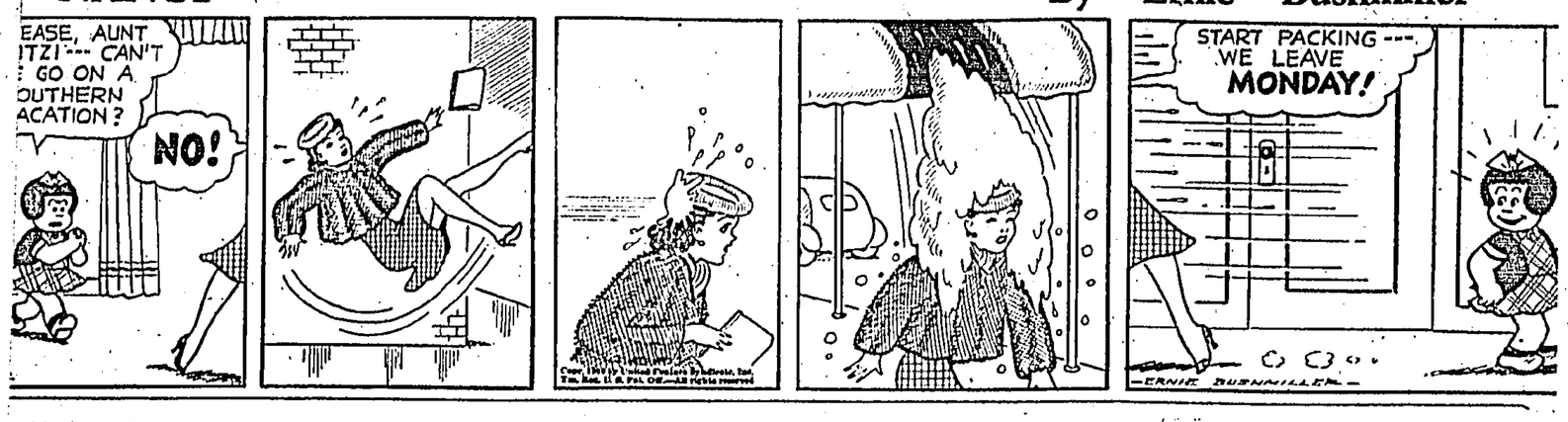
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VIGNETTES OF LIFE

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The Women

COMMENCING TO-DAY

The "Telegraph's" Great New Satire by Clare Boothe, which, produced first as a play on Broadway, ran for over 600 nights, netting the author £50,000. It is said that Hongkong possesses a "Park Avenue of local cats." The play was at first barred in London.

Serialisation for the "Telegraph" is by Beatrice Faber.

THEY were all gathered ere in Mary Haines's ntry house, each one a nbol of the narrow, petty rld in which they lived.

They were the Women, *soi-ant* ladies of creation, to om inherited wealth was natural a phenomenon as e air they breathed.

Their habitats were the auty salons where they ercised like horses; the ank gown shops, the shionable clubs and often ough, the divorce town of eno.

Their youngest member as Peggy Day, a newlywed the current season. eggy was still looked upon ith suspicion by the others, r she had actually married for ve—tied herself down to a fty-dollar a week advertising an. Everyone agreed that it as lucky she had money of her wn.

Nancy Blake whom they all w rarely, was more tolerated an liked. She was always oing queer things like writing ooks and going off to Africa.

Worse than that though, she'd ever had a husband, or showed ny signs of getting one. But her social position was inpeccable, so the girls were stuck with her.

As for Sylvia Fowler and Edith Potter—well, *they* were the sort whose words spoke for themselves. At the moment, they were huddled together in Mary's foyer, waiting for lunch to be announced.

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EDITH rested her hands on her fat, pudgy thighs and leaned forward. She was quivering with excitement. "I though I'd never get you alone. I just can't wait to get the low-down."

"Shh." Sylvia glanced toward the drawing room. Her black, impish eyes danced. "You're going to swoon my dear, when I tell you. I couldn't say very much on the telephone this morning." She took a deep breath, the better to dish it out. "You know, I go to Sidney's for my hair. You ought to go there



too, pet. I despise whoever does yours."

"Oh, hurry up."

"Well, this manicurist Olga — a riot. She knows more off-colour jokes. While she was filing me, I was looking through Vogue, the one with Mary in the Beaux Art Ball costume—"

Edith licked her lips. "In that white wig that flattered her so much?"

"Uh-huh. Well, that started this girl on Mrs. Haines' and the whole ghastly story about Stephen stepping out on Mary rolled out. And this is what's so awful about it." She leaned forward. "It wouldn't be so bad if Stephen had picked some one in his own class. But a beezle."

"Oh. How did he ever meet a girl like that?"

"How do men *ever* meet girls like that? That's what they live for, the rats. Isn't it foul!" She sighed plesurably. It's not as though only Mary's friends knew. We could keep our mouths shut."

"Of course," Edith agreed. "I know plenty I never breathe about my friends' husbands."

There was a sudden sharp glance of suspicion between them. Then the tension passed and they rose.

"I adore Mary," Edith said.

"I worship her." Sylvia's voice was like syrup. "She's not only my cousin, she's my dearest friend in all the world. Why, we were raised together."

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AT the top of the stairs, Mary Haines paused and looked down at them.

A smile flitted across her beautiful, serene face.

The accident of family and background had provided her with a given set of friends. But she had another world, with Stephen and Little Mary.

Sometimes she pitied Sylvia for the lack of such happiness. It must be dreadful to live your life out, always seeking, always discontented, never having a moment's trust for the man whose name you bore.

She descended quietly and said, "Break it up girls." They'd certainly been ripping somebody apart and it must have been choice. They looked so relaxed.

"Mary darling," Edith cried. "You're so slim I could kill you."

They all headed for the dining room.

"You won't have to, dear," Mary said gaily, "the diet I'm on is pure poison." It always was, every time the girls got together. "I'm so sorry I'm late." She greeted Peggy and Nancy, then seated them all at the table.

They chatted casually for a few moments, then Sylvia turned to her. "By the way, how's Stephie?"

Mary frowned. "Stephen's not so well." That was one reason she'd insisted that he come on this trip to Canada with her. They were leaving next day. "It's not serious. Just that he's been working rather late these past few weeks—"

Sylvia's eyebrows jumped. "Are you sure it's work, darling, and not a beautiful blonde?"

Edith spoke quickly, anxious to head Sylvia off. "Phelps has nervous indigestion too. You should hear him rumble." Although why *he* should be nervous was more than she knew. After all *she* was the one who had the six children with a seventh on the way now. If only that stork would take the Indian sign off her.

But Sylvia spoke to Mary relentlessly. "Stephen's a very attractive man, you know."

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MARY felt a tremor go over her. Sylvia did get under her skin sometimes.

She laughed. "Isn't he? I can't imagine why he hasn't deserted me for some glamorous creature long ago." She nodded with the message that Mr. Haines was on the telephone. "Don't talk about me while I'm gone," she called, as she left.

"Hello dear," she said into the telephone a second later. Then her spirits dropped. Stephen had promised and now he was putting off the trip again. "Oh darling, what a shame. Yes, it'll still be nice a little later on, only . . ." Then she brightened. "Well, maybe you can make an early train out to-day." No, he couldn't do that. There was work again at the office. He'd be kept late. "All right, dear, I won't wait up. Goodbye."

"Why Mary," Sylvia trilled as she returned, "you look as low as a swamp. What's up?"

Mary sighed "Stephen can't get away to go to Canada." She tried to shrug it off. "Well, so long as our trip's off I think in the morning I'll move back to town."

Sylvia's words were underlined with meaning. "I certainly would if I were you Mary."

"Sylvia," Pegg piped up, "what did you mean before when you said that Mary was living in a fool's Paradise?"

Nancy cut in, anxious to protect Mary. "Sylvia was trying to make me wisecrack about marriage, Mary. She said something about, 'A woman's Paradise always being a fool's Paradise.'"

Mary was amused. Evidently, Sylvia had been getting in her usual digs. "Well, whatever I'm living in, I like it." For a second, her eyes snapped defiance at Sylvia. Of course she was a contented wife. What was more she was going to stay that way.

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SYLVIA suddenly held out her glittering nails. "Mary, how do you like this polish? You can't imagine how it stays on. I get it at Sidney's. You ought to go."

"Oh Sylvia," Edith protested.

Sylvia ignored her. "A wonderful new manicurist. Olga's her name. She's marvellous. Look, Jungle Red."

Nancy snorted. "Looks as if you'd been tearing at somebody's throat."

"I'll be darned Nancy," Sylvia flared, "if I'll let you ride me all the time—"

"Now, now," Mary said soothingly, "Nancy's just being clever." She nodded approvingly at Sylvia's nails. "Well, I like them. I really do." Then she patted her cousin's fingers. "Sidney's. Olga. Jungle Red. I'll remember."

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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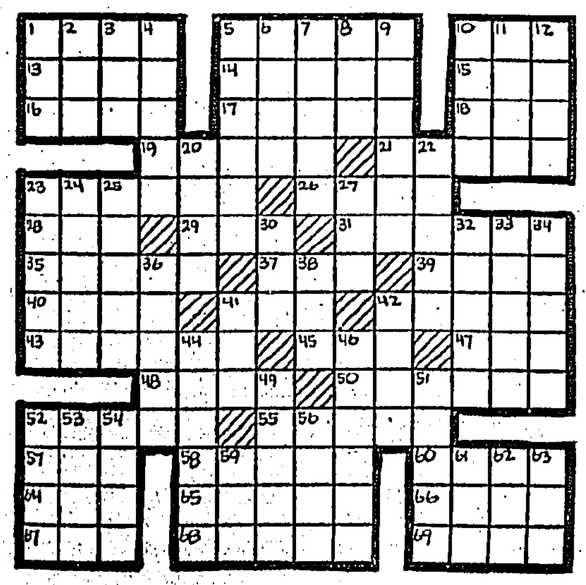
1—Female horse
6—Change
10—Ibsen character
13—Seaweed gelatin
14—Vestment ribbon
15—Catch
16—Sonata finale
17—Table bottle
18—Self
19—Swings around
21—Middle Westerner
23—Wild times
26—Period of time
28—Metric measure
29—Group of tennis games
31—Rents
35—Earliest
37—Antique
39—Science of numbers (colloq.)
40—Give forth
41—Anger
42—Part of name of Manchurian city
43—Parts of flowers
45—Animal
47—Fish eggs
48—Hail
50—Stop
52—Less colorful
56—Kind of boat
57—Beverage
58—Having value
60—Water pitcher
64—Regret
65—Cognizant
66—Flame
67—German watering place
68—Minor wood god
69—Dance movement

DOWN

1—Son of (Scottish)
2—Formerly
3—Unit of light
4—Remove
5—Charge
6—Learning
7—Have faith in
8—Compass point
9—Withdraw
10—Again
11—Norse epic
12—Black
20—For fear that
22—Ajowan oil plants
23—Strong-boxes
24—Highest grade
25—Tear again
27—Ancient times (poetic)
30—Cras
32—Old World custom
33—Spirit of people
34—Large cloth
36—Too old
38—Meadow
41—Doctrine
42—Airplane
44—Young insects
46—Minister to prejudices of
49—Brilliance
51—Submerged rocks
53—Remove skin
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58—Well ventilated
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61—Intelligence
62—Before
63—Colored fabric

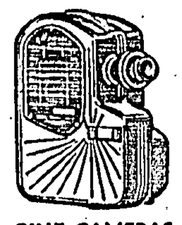
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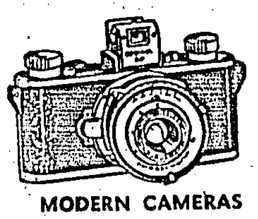
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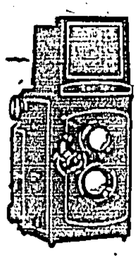
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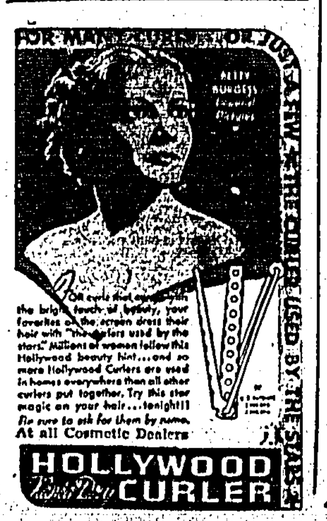
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HITLER ASKS FOR KAISER'S OLD DEBT



A well-known Hongkong Chinese couple were recently united when the wedding took place at the Registry Office of Miss Lam Suk-ching and Mr. Lau Cho-hee, pictured above after the ceremony.

WITH the Allied contraband control steadily tightening on all their seaward trade routes, the masters of Nazi Germany have found yet another way of trying to get vital war supplies from the Balkans without paying for them.

German financial experts have been sent to Belgrade to claim from the Jugo-Slays payment of three loans by the Kaiser Germany to Bosnia and Serbia before the last war—before, in fact, there was even a Jugo-Slavia.

The German share of two of the loans made to Serbia totals fifty million gold francs. Jugo-Slavia has been compelled to admit her liability on these.

The third, totalling 300,000,000 gold crowns, was made to Bosnia, and this is being bitterly disputed by both sides.

The Jugo-Slavia say that this loan was made by the then Austrians and Germans finance new railways in between 1896 and 1902 to Bosnia.

ALREADY PAID

But later Bosnia was annexed by Austria, and when it was incorporated in Jugo-Slavia in 1918 the value of the Bosinian railways was deducted from the war reparations which were due to Jugo-Slavia.

There the matter rests to-night. But behind these financial negotiations one fact stands out clearly—Nazi Germany is growing desperate.

The Balkans are the only gap in the contraband control.

The Germans have made it clear they do not want payment of these old debts in gold, but in precious mineral ores, which abound in Jugo-Slavia. And this is where the Allied contraband control is tightening.

The greatest attraction for the Germans is the copper mine at Bor, near the Rumanian border, the largest copper mine in Europe. It is French owned, yields 60,000 tons of unrefined copper a year, estimated to be worth £2,000,000. Before the war nearly 8,000 tons of copper went to Germany yearly.

Another vital reason for the economic war now being waged in the Balkans is the great lead and zinc mines at Trepca, in South Serbia. This mine is British owned, employs about 18,000 workers, and has an annual production worth £1,000,000.

Before the war two-fifths of the mine's output went to Germany. When war broke out the German shipments of vital war materials came almost to a complete stop.

Rumania Says 'No'

RUMANIA has rejected a German demand for a 50 per cent. reduction in the value of the Rumanian currency.

The Nazis tried this manoeuvre because they are unable to produce enough machinery to pay for their imports of Rumanian oil and wheat.

Dr. Clodius, German trade envoy in Bucharest, is reported to have told the Rumanians that the present high value of the British pound in Rumania—while the Reichsmark remains stationary—is tantamount to an "infringement of Rumanian neutrality in favour of Britain."

With the currency demand rejected, the Germans are asking Rumania to lower her oil prices.—Daily Express Staff Reporter and Reuter.

Six Survivors From Wrecked Air-Liner

A SMALL Maltese sailing boat rescued six survivors of a British air liner lost in the sea near Sicily after leaving Alexandria.

Three were British officers and three were members of the crew, one of whom is badly injured and is in hospital at Malta, where they were all landed by another Maltese vessel.

Three passengers and two of the crew are missing.

The names of the rescued are:

PASSENGERS

WING CMDR. W. L. DAWSON; MAJOR MACKESON; and LIEUT. W. ASHTON, R.N.

CREW

CAPT. PETER C. FAIR, the Master, aged 33. He is slightly hurt;

FLT. ENG. J. J. BROOME, 35, of Bristol, badly injured; and

FLT. STEWARD ERNEST W. SMITH, 25, of Romford, Essex, who is slightly injured.

Wing Comdr. Dawson is the first officer who, having begun his career as a boy apprentice, passed through the R.A.F. Staff College. In 1928 he took part in the Cairo to Cape flight.

Cable To Father

Lt. Ashton's father, Mr. William Ashton, of Leatherhead, said: "I had a telegram from my son to say that he would be home. This afternoon I had a cable from him to say that he had been 'let off with a few bruises.'"

The names of the other three missing passengers are not yet known and they may have been picked up by other ships.

The two members of the crew still not accounted for are:

First Officer J. W. F. Beach, 23, of Coulsdon, Surrey; and Radio Officer Gordon R. Brentnall, 31, of Staffordshire.

It was officially stated that all the mails on board have been lost.

Distress Signals

The captain of the Maltese steamer St. George, related that he sighted a Maltese sailing boat flying a distress signal about 45 miles N.E. of Cape Murro del Porco, Sicily.

When contact was made with the sailing boat the captain said he did his utmost to get close to the 'plane he had sighted in the water, but the wind was unfavourable, and it was only after great efforts that he succeeded in taking six survivors aboard.

Had the sailing boat been able to approach quicker all might have been rescued, according to the captain of the St. George.

Survivors praise Capt. Fair's skill in manoeuvring the 'plane to bring it close to the sailing boat.

Attack By Pirates

Shanghai, Feb. 16.

The Jardine Matheson steamer Hanwo is reported to have been attacked by pirates this morning off Fushan, in the Yangtse estuary.

A fierce gun battle is said to have taken place between the pirates and the Russian guards. One pirate was killed and another arrested. There were no casualties among the crew.

The report stated that although the pirates succeeded in boarding the ship, they were beaten back by the ship's company.

This is the second attack on a British ship in the Yangtse estuary in recent months.—Reuter.

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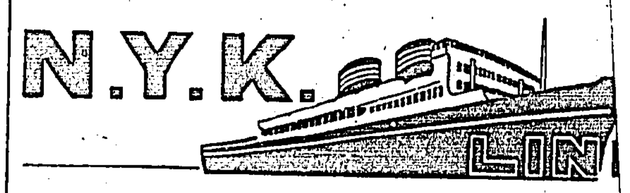
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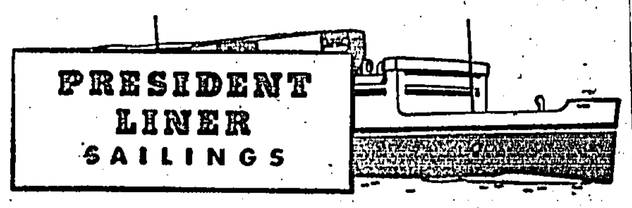
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NEW PROPOSALS BY TAXATION COMMITTEE

Property, Business And Salary Allowances

The War Revenue Committee, appointed by Government to devise means of raising money to help meet the Imperial war costs has completed its report of an alternative scheme to Income Tax.

This scheme calls for taxes on property, on salaries and analogous incomes and on corporation and professional and business profits in the Colony, assessed on bases and at rates calculated to impose very broadly the same degree of sacrifice on the several classes of persons affected. Such a combination of taxes, says the report, would constitute a partial income tax, freed from many complications owing to the limitation of its scope and approximation to individual ability to pay.

It is proposed that the Corporations Profits Tax be 10 per cent; business profits up to $10,000 per annum be exempt, tax on excess over $10,000 up to $100,000 be 5 per cent. and on excess over $100,000 be 10 per cent; the tax on the first $5,000 of taxable income, after deduction of personal and family allowances, be chargeable at 4 per cent. and thereafter a 10 per cent. rate to apply; and the property tax to be 5 per cent. on the net annual value of all land and buildings in the Colony.

The Committee's report states:

The Committee was originally appointed to examine and advise on the detailed provisions of a draft Income Tax Bill, based on the Ceylon Income Tax Ordinance of 1932, which had been prepared by Government after His Excellency the Governor's announcement in the Legislative Council on October 12, 1939, that Government proposed to raise new revenue for war purposes by means of an Income Tax. Later, in view of the opposition to Government's proposal which was voiced by the Unofficial Members at the meetings of the Legislative Council on November 9 and 16, 1939, and because it was felt that the principle of an Income Tax for this Colony and the possibility of raising additional revenue by alternative means were matters which should properly come within the purview of the Committee, the terms of reference were extended. The full terms of reference then became:

(1) To examine the draft Income Tax Bill and advise on the detailed provisions which would be desirable in such a measure if it were adopted, having regard to the special circumstances of this Colony; and

(2) to advise whether the best method of raising additional revenue for war purposes would be such an Income Tax or, alternatively, any other measure or measures of taxation of which the incidence would be on substantially the same classes of the community as an Income Tax and which could not be passed on to the poorer classes.

Claims To Relief

Early in our deliberations it became apparent that to impose an Income Tax on the profits, wherever made, of companies in this Colony would be unsatisfactory in that many shareholders of local companies reside in Great Britain or the Dominions and relief could be claimed by such shareholders in respect of Hongkong Income Tax from their assessments to United Kingdom or Dominion Income Tax. The revenue which it is proposed to raise is for the purpose of a contribution by the Colony to the Imperial war effort and obviously such a purpose could not be fulfilled if part of this revenue were, in fact, to be contributed by the United Kingdom or Dominion Exchequers in the form of such relief to shareholders in respect of profits not earned from transactions in the Colony.

Before this examination of the draft Income Tax Bill was completed, however, our terms of reference were widened, and we therefore turned to the consideration of alternative taxes.

The conclusion to which we came was that the best alternative means of imposing taxation of approximately the same degree of severity and having approximately the same incidence as the proposed Income Tax appeared to be a combination of taxes on property, on salaries and analogous incomes and on corporation and professional and business profits made in the Colony assessed on bases and at rates calculated to impose very broadly the same degree of sacrifice on the several classes of persons affected. Such a combination of taxes would constitute a partial income tax, freed of many complications owing to its being limited in scope and approximately adjusted to individual ability to pay. In particular much of the enquiry into personal circumstances which was apprehended from the administration of a full income tax would be avoided.

The following is a summary of the effect of the several taxes referred to in the preceding paragraph:

A Corporation Profits Tax on profits made in the Colony of companies registered in Hongkong whether incorporated her or elsewhere. Exemption for corporations the whole of whose profits are liable to United Kingdom Income Tax and for corporations which are allowed to dispense with the word "Limited," e.g. clubs, chambers of commerce, etc.

Rate proposed, 10 per cent.

Business Profits Tax

A Business Profits Tax on profits made in the Colony of other business and of professions, the tax being levied on the business and not on individual partners, without any enquiry as to the ownership of the business and division of the profits and without any deduction for personal and family allowances.

Rate proposed.—Up to $10,000 per annum, Exempt; On excess over $10,000 up to $100,000, 5 per cent; On excess over $100,000, 10 per cent.

A Salaries Tax on nearly all salaries and pensions derived from employment in the Colony (other than salaries liable to United Kingdom Income Tax).

Rate proposed.—The first $5,000 of the taxable income after deduction of personal and family allowances to be chargeable at 4 per cent. thereafter a 10 per cent. rate to apply.

A Property Tax on the net annual value of all land and buildings in the Colony, at the rate of five per cent.

We have prepared a revised Bill providing for the imposition, assessment and collection of these taxes, entitled a War Revenue Bill which incorporates our conclusions on many matters of detail which we do not propose to attempt to explain in this Report.

Under the suggested Bill profits tax will be applied only to profits made in the Colony, whereas income tax would have applied to all profits, wherever made, of resident persons, including companies registered here. Other income from abroad will not be taxed at all under the War Revenue Bill.

Reasonabl Taxation

It was repeatedly emphasised by the official representatives on the Committee that Government was not seeking to raise any particular sum of money, but to impose a reasonable burden of taxation as a war contribution from the Colony. We consider that the rates of tax proposed in the War Revenue Bill do impose such a reasonable burden.

Opposition to a full income tax is based mainly on apprehensions as to

(a) Difficulties of administration including:
 (i) the possibility of evasion and avoidance and consequent inequitable incidence,
 (ii) the resentment of "inquisitorial" investigation into details of partnerships and personal and family affairs,
 (iii) the cost of establishing a large new Government department (and consequential additions in salaries and pensions) to collect the tax and the impossibility of obtaining, during the present emergency, expert assistance for that purpose.

(b) Effects on the Colony, e.g. flight of capital and discouragement of the influx of new capital.

In framing the War Revenue Bill it has been our aim to remove, as far as is possible, grounds for such apprehensions. The combination of taxes now proposed constitutes, it is true, a partial Income Tax. A full Income Tax Law which aims at extracting an amount from each individual strictly in accordance with his capacity to pay is *ipso facto* a complicated piece of legislation which requires a considerable and highly trained staff for its successful administration. By omitting some of the refinements of a full Income Tax Law and by sacrificing a certain amount of revenue, it is nevertheless possible to devise a measure of taxation approximately, but only approximately, adjusted to individual capacity to pay and avoid detailed inquiries into personal circumstances, particulars of partnerships and so on. The Property Tax which we propose can easily be collected on the basis of the assessment made for the purposes of the Rating Ordinance, 1901.

Collecting Business Profits Tax

Similarly, the collection of the Salaries Tax involves no administrative difficulties since employers will be required to furnish returns of remuneration paid to their employees. Corporation Profits Tax will affect all companies in varying degree and in the case of those corporations whose business is confined to the Colony assessment should present no great difficulty. The main difficulty, admittedly, will arise in the collection of Business Profits Tax, though on grounds of equity such a tax must be imposed if there is to be a Corporation Profits Tax; but in view of the purpose for which the four taxes will be used there should be no attempt at evasion. Difficulties will also arise in the case of companies trading in and outside the Colony, but these are not unsurmountable. As regards the possible effects of the proposed measures on the business prosperity of the Colony, we consider that, although the imposition of these taxes involves a new departure in fiscal policy the results of which cannot be foreseen, any possible ill effects will be largely safeguarded against by the conditions with which we qualify our recommendations.

Only For War Period

For the reasons stated above we recommend that Government should proceed with measures on the lines of the War Revenue Bill.

We desire, however, to qualify our recommendation by the following conditions:

The measures of taxation provided for in the Bill should be confined to the period of the war, that is to say, no tax shall be collectable in respect of any year of assessment subsequent to the year of assessment in which the war is terminated.

The rates of taxation suggested in the draft War Revenue Bill are considered reasonable; but it is essential, in order to allay apprehensions which might lead to the flight of capital or discouragement of the influx of new capital, that such rates should not be excessive and that, once the taxes have been imposed, those rates should not be increased. In this connection it is noteworthy that the Taxation Committee appointed in 1938 expressed the view that in respect of Income Tax "it would probably be found that the maximum rates should eventually be put at 10 per cent."

In order to avoid unnecessary expense and inconvenience to individuals and firms who keep accounts in the Chinese language, Government should make it clear that the use of either the English or the Chinese language in the Returns furnishable under the provisions of a War Revenue Ordinance will be equally acceptable.

Any staff additional to the present establishment which is required for the administration of a War Revenue Ordinance should be engaged on a temporary basis so as not to add to the Colony's pensions commitment.

Concern At Cost Of Government

Although it may be outside the scope of our terms of reference, we desire to place on record our opinion that the question whether substantial extra revenue for local needs, as opposed to temporary war needs, is actually necessary—vide qualification (a) of the Taxation Committee's report quoted below—cannot be answered until it has been ascertained whether the Government of the Colony is functioning on the most economical basis commensurate with efficiency. We view with much concern the continuous rise in the cost of Government, a rise which the Colony's pensions commitment is likely to accelerate more rapidly in the future than in the past. We view with still more concern the fact that the present heavy expenditure is insufficient to enable Government to meet its full responsibilities in the matter of public health, education and social services generally, for which purposes more money is likely to be wanted in the near future. Before fresh taxation is imposed to meet this need, we recommend that a Commission (preferably a Royal Commission) be set up to investigate the whole organisation of civil government in this Colony with a view to ascertaining whether it is possible to effect economies which would permit of a substantial increase in the programme of social services without undue increase of taxation.

If, after such a Commission, increased taxation is required and Income Tax or the methods of taxation advocated as a war measure in this Report are proposed, we would invite attention to the qualifications attached to the conclusions in respect of Income Tax arrived at by the Taxation Committee appointed in 1938. These qualifications, with which we express general agreement, were:

"We must not be taken as expressing the opinion that such substantial extra revenue is actually necessary; in so far as more revenue is needed owing to the growth of the Colony that very growth is likely automatically to increase the revenue, while it is outside our province to consider how far it may be needed to finance new or improved services."

Detailed Investigation

"The possibility of the successful working of the tax should first be the subject of a detailed investigation with the assistance of an expert, preferably familiar with the collection of the tax in an Eastern country."

"The imposition of the tax involves a new departure in fiscal policy. We assume that it would not be passed through Council by the use of the official majority and that unofficial members of Council will expect to receive, before agreeing to the imposition, some indication of the heads of expenditure to which its yield will be applied."

"We feel that it would be unwise to impose a tax of this nature until a substantial body of opinion in the Colony believes that the tax can be levied fairly and efficiently."

"The imposition of Income Tax should to some extent be compensated for by the remission of other forms of taxation."

In conclusion we should like to express our indebtedness to Mr. S. Caine whose judgment and experience were of invaluable assistance in our deliberations and to Mr. R. R. Todd who, as Secretary to the Committee, has kept full minutes of our meetings and who is largely

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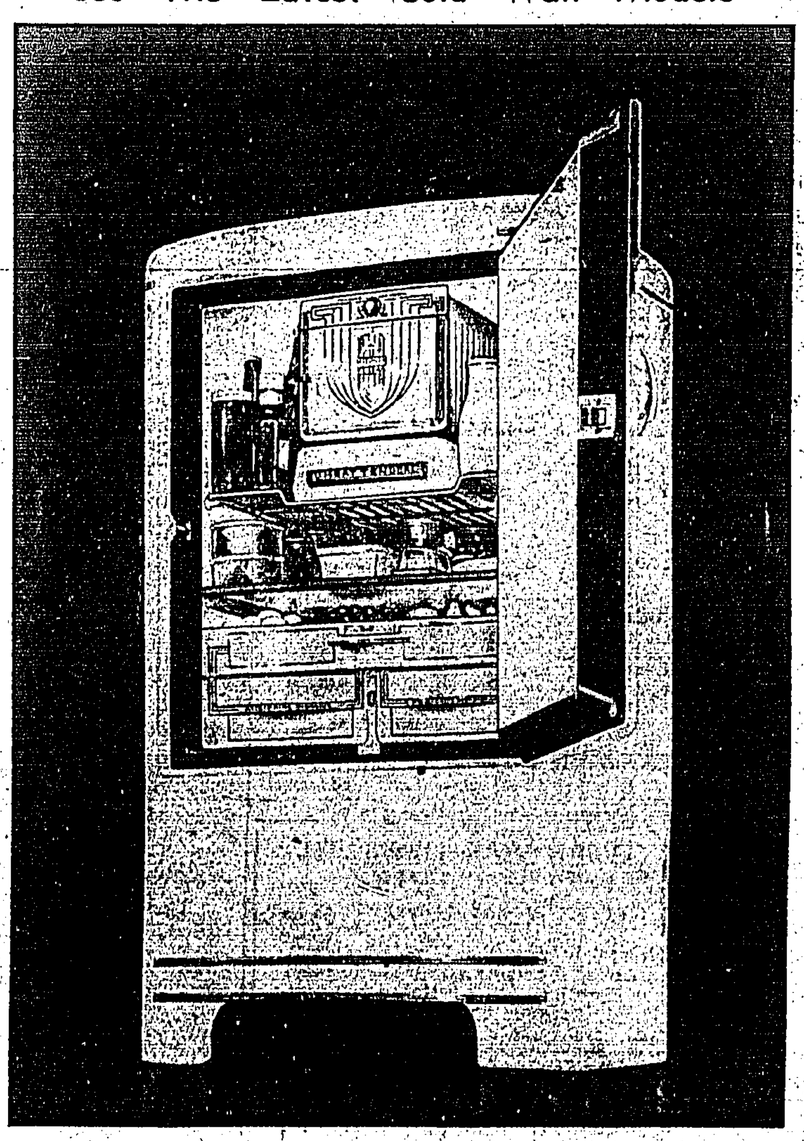
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LATE NEWS

Delicate Question Of Aid

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The position with regard to the whole question of practical help for Finland is extremely delicate.

Suggestions that Finland has declared herself to be in desperate plight are obviously not near the truth.

The dogged resistance of the defenders at Summa and small successes of the Finnish troops elsewhere show that Finland's powers are not yet exhausted, grave though her present position seems to be.

Both the Finnish and Swedish official sources deprecate the exaggerated reports either of Finland's dangers or her successes.

Reports of the possibility of an open appeal by Finland to the Western Powers for intervention are also discarded as unhelpful at the present moment.

Suggestions at this juncture that foreign troops might ask for passage through Sweden can only increase the difficulties of the Swedish authorities.

Should such an eventuality ever arise the actual position doubtless will be that under the terms of Article XVI of the League Covenant, Sweden will be entitled (but not bound) to give such permission.

Sweden's position in this crisis is delicate, but not ambiguous.

On one hand she is firmly determined to maintain neutrality. On the other hand, the overwhelming weight of public sentiment is wholeheartedly on Finland's side.

TAXI FARES RAISED

A Government notification, issued this morning, announced that taxi-fares will be raised.

The fare in Hongkong in future will be 50 cents for a distance not exceeding one mile; 10 cents for each quarter of a mile in excess of one mile; and 10 cents for each period of five minutes' waiting time with the meter shut off.

In Kowloon, the fare for large cabs will be 50 cents for a distance not exceeding one mile; five cents for each quarter of a mile in excess of one mile; and five cents for each period of five minutes' waiting time with the meter shut off.

For small cabs in Kowloon, the fare will be 35 cents for a distance not exceeding one mile; five cents for each quarter of a mile in excess of one mile; and five cents for each period of five minutes' waiting time, with the meter shut off.

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Washington, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives has passed the $990,772,000 Navy Appropriation Bill, eliminating Guam from the proposal.

New Anglo-French Agreement

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the British and French Government have agreed that effect shall be given to the conclusions recently reached by the President of the Board of Trade and the French Minister of Commerce for promoting favourable development of Franco-British trade.

The understanding reached will mean a considerable relaxation of prohibiton measures imposed at the outbreak of war.

EXTRA POLICE PRECAUTIONS

EXTRA POLICE and plain-clothes detectives have been assigned to the Happy Valley Race-course this morning in anticipation of attempts by pick-pockets to gain a rich harvest.

The course, dried by the Colony's record drought, will probably be fast.

Attendance, it is anticipated, will be high.

Many people have already paid for admittance to the enclosures, and large numbers of Chinese are packing the central area.

Famous Explorer Passes Away

BRUSSELS, Feb 16 (Reuter).—The death is reported from Ghent of M. Louis Valcke, who was Stanley's principal collaborator in his first great Congo explorations, notably in the crossing of the Crystal Mountains and the discovery of the Congo cataract.

Scandinavians To Confer

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—It is learned that the Foreign Ministers of the Scandinavian countries are arriving in Copenhagen at the end of next week for a conference.

Curiosity Led To Arrest

AN ALLEGED comrade of two men who were charged with larceny at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning allowed his curiosity to overcome his better judgment.

He came to the Court to find out how his friends were faring and, as a result, was arrested there by Sergt. Rothwell.

Police allege that he was connected with the crimes for which his friends, Chan Shing, 30, and Fu Tun, 26, were charged. He will be charged on similar counts on Monday.

Chan received 12 weeks imprisonment for his part in the larcenies, which were from Chinese people, while Fu, who was a banishee, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment.

SWEDISH DECISION

Foreign Troops Can't Pass To Finland

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 16 (UP).—A spokesman of the Swedish Foreign Office has announced that Sweden will not permit foreign troops en route to Finland to pass through Swedish territory.

This disclosure follows a statement by the Swedish Prime Minister that Sweden "in general" is complying with the recent urgent appeals from England for immediate aid.

The Prime Minister's statement indicates that Swedish aid to the Finns will be given in every way short of military support, on the grounds that Sweden's neutrality must be maintained.

The Prime Minister confirmed that Finland has requested military aid as recently as February 13. Political circles state that the entire question of Swedish aid to Finland is now entering the final phase of parliamentary and public debate.

There is a tendency towards giving maximum humanitarian aid to Finland.

The Swedish Premier has emphasised that Sweden desires strict neutrality in the European War as well as the Russo-Finnish war.

Political circles say that the Premier's declaration indicates that Sweden has flatly turned down the Finnish Premier's proposal for Swedish military aid to Finland.

Answering a query as to what Sweden will do if the Allies decide to send military aid to Finland, the Foreign Office spokesman said "No foreign troops from western powers will ever receive permission to traverse Sweden."

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ANGLO-GERMAN NAVAL BATTLE RAGING OFF NORWEGIAN COAST?

Fighting Visible From Shore: Neutral Warships Take A Hand

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, FEB. 17 (UP).—BRITISH AND GERMAN NAVAL UNITS ARE ENGAGED IN A RUNNING BATTLE AT SEVERAL POINTS OFF THE NORWEGIAN COAST.

THE FIGHTING IS VISIBLE FROM THE SHORE.

FIRING IS PLAINLY AUDIBLE AT THREE POINTS.

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS?

This battle is apparently the culmination of an incident earlier this morning, when the 1,370-ton British destroyer Intrepid seized the German freighter Altmark, allegedly inside Norwegian territorial waters.



H.M.S. INTREPID

The Altmark, which is believed to have been a convoy ship for the pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee before she was scuttled was apparently attempting to make her way down the Norwegian coast from the Arctic in an effect to reach German waters.

PRIZE CREW ABOARD

The British destroyer is alleged to have entered Norwegian waters in pursuit of the Altmark, which she captured.

A British prize crew was placed aboard the Nazi ship and the warship then ordered it to follow out into the open sea.

As the two ships were proceeding from Norwegian waters, Norwegian warships rushed up.

The British prize crew was ordered to leave the German ship, which was restored to German command.

H.M.S. Intrepid then left Norwegian territorial waters, taking up a position just outside the three-mile limit, from where she kept her guns trained on the Altmark.

The German freighter, meanwhile, had sent out urgent S.O.S. calls to German warships, a number of which were reported to be rushing to the scene.

Shortly afterwards, reports were received of a running engagement between British and German warships.

Unconfirmed reports state that the Altmark was carrying British prisoners transferred from the Admiral Graf Spee at sea before she was scuttled.

Admiralty Silent

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 17 (UP).—The Admiralty refuses to issue a positive statement on the naval battle off Norway.

The Admiralty confirms, however, that an incident has occurred between a British man-o'-war and the German freighter Altmark.



Reds Smash Through: Finland's Great Threat

By EDWARD BEATTIE
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

WITH THE FINNISH FORCES ON THE KARELIAN ISTHMUS, Feb. 16 (UP).—Finland's defences on the Mannerheim Line are slowly disintegrating before the most terrific onslaughts the Russians have yet made.

Massing all their forces after yesterday's sudden halt in their fourteen day offensive, the Reds have overwhelmed the Finnish defenders through sheer weight of numbers.

The famous Mannerheim Line has collapsed at three points, and the Red troops are now hurling themselves through the breaches.

It is admittedly the most serious threat Finland has faced since the war started on December 1.

If the Russians maintain their present colossal pressure, their steam roller must render the situation along the entire Karelian Isthmus precarious.

One report states that they are now only 12½ miles from Viborg, the second largest city in Finland.

The main weight of the attack has shifted from the Summa front, where the Battle of Summa will go down in history as one of Russia's major reverses.

The change in tactics has met with apparent success.

The Russians suddenly threw their enter weight on he eastern end of the Mannerheim Line.

Summa In No Man's Land

As a result Summa itself now appears to be in a sort of No Man's Land, with neither the Russians or Finns in possession.

Finnish G.H.Q. still insists that the Russian attacks have not succeeded in denting the real defence line on the Summa centre.

They will not say whether the penetrations elsewhere, which are officially admitted, include heavy positions.

The official Finnish communique admits that the Russians have captured one strong point north-east of Lake Ladoga.

Elsewhere, it claims, the Red attacks were repulsed.

"Destruction of isolated Russian detachments continues in the Kuhmo sector," the communique adds.

Desperate Appeals

Meanwhile, Finland continues to issue desperate appeals to friendly

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STORM IN SWEDEN
Insistence On Immediate Aid

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 16 (UP).—The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Swedish Parliament has decided, after a stormy session, to support the Cabinet's decision to maintain strict neutrality in the Russo-Finnish war.

Sweden, however, has not finally determined to "cut the painter."

The question of her support for Finland is expected to be decided within the next few days.

However, the position may be hopeless if help is not forthcoming for Finland before the defences on the Karelian Isthmus finally crumble.

Swedish newspapers bitterly attack any hesitation regarding the question of support for Finland, and recommends the immediate despatch of troops.

The Finnish Government is now believed to be discussing whether they will accept an offer from Britain and France of direct military intervention.

If the offer is accepted, British and French troops would, presumably, fight in Finland under their own commands.

Delicate Question Of Aid

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The position with regard to the whole

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NEW RECORD FOR COST OF LIVING

LONDON, Feb. 17 (Reuter).—Britain's cost of living reached a record high on February 1, according to official statistics issued to-day.

The index for February 1 was 177. This compares with 100 in 1914 and 155 on September 1 last year.

A two-and-a-half per cent. increase in the price of foodstuffs occurred in January, chiefly owing to the higher cost of imported meats.

500 Planes Bomb Finns in World's Greatest Raids

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 16 (UP).—The greatest mass raids the world has ever known were experienced by Finland yesterday.

Five hundred Russian planes participated.

At no time in world history has so many planes ever taken to the air on bombing expeditions.

In China, the largest Japanese air force in the air was 160 planes.

In Poland, Germany used no more than 250 planes to bomb Warsaw.

The greatest air raid in the last war was launched by 86 planes.

The Red bombers concentrated their attentions on the area before and behind the Mannerheim Line, raining terror on an unprecedented scale on the people in the districts which received their attentions.

Only eight of the planes were shot down. They were unopposed from the air, the Finns being forced to rely exclusively on their A.A. guns.

Finland retaliated, however, by bombing Russian concentrations and railways on the other side of the frontier.

EXHAUSTED SURVIVORS
Fifteen Men In Drifting Boat

LONDON, Feb. 17 (Reuter).—After spending 56 hours adrift in an open boat, fifteen survivors of the Newcastle steamer Langleford have landed at a port in Eire.

The men were in an exhausted condition and only one was in a fit condition to row. One man died in the boat.

Two ship's boats were launched when the Langleford was sunk by enemy action on Wednesday while homeward bound from Boston, U.S.A.

There is no trace of the other boat which contained the captain and other members of the crew.

The Langleford was a ship of 4,622 tons. She was launched in 1925 and was owned by F. Carrick & Co.

HOPE NOW ABANDONED
Elvira Now Believed Lost Without Trace

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, Feb. 16 (UP).—Despite earlier reports that the Hongkong-built yacht Elvira had arrived safely, it is now feared that she has been lost with all hands.

The Manila Yacht Club has posted a report stating that the yacht has been definitely lost without any traces.

The Elvira, a 14-ton yacht, left Hongkong on January 16 with Captain J. Paterson, an Australian, and Norman Torrey, an American, as the only persons aboard.

An erroneous report was circulated last week that the yacht had been sighted.

Flier Crashes On Search

Mr. L. I. Baker, a Manila flyer, crashed at Mindoro recently whilst searching for the Elvira, and was himself lost for two days.

Sr. A. Carmelo, the Mexican Consul for whom the yacht was built in Hongkong, intended using it for pleasure cruising in the Philippines.

Captain Paterson was master of the Ningpo junk Pang Jin, which was lost in the Red Sea whilst en route from Hongkong to the New York World Fair.

The Elvira did not carry full sail and expected to complete the trip to Manila in nine days.

Garner To Seek Presidency

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Mr. John Garner, the vice-President of the U.S., has announced that he will enter the Democratic primary elections in California for nomination as a candidate for the Presidency.

RACING SEASON HAS AUSPICIOUS START AT VALLEY

HONGKONG'S 1940 racing season opened auspiciously this afternoon in brilliant weather. Record interest was displayed not only in the racing itself, but in the pari-mutuel and cash sweeps.

His Excellency the Governor arrived before the tiffin adjournment, when the attendance was moderate.

Traffic highways to the race-course were, however, jammed after tiffin when there was a considerable influx of people.

Extra police and plain-clothes detectives were assigned to Happy Valley in anticipation of attempts by pick-pockets to gain a rich harvest.

The course, dried by the Colony's long drought, was fast, although several slow finishes were recorded.

Spicylight, a griffin, set a new record for six furlongs for China ponies when she cantered home in the second race in 1.22-4/5, breaking the previous record of 1.23-4/5 set by Rose Elect.

Interest in the cash sweeps has been on an unprecedented scale.

Four hundred and twenty people picked the winning double—Satinlight and Strathbannock and dividend was only $17.40.

Amazing Scenes

Amazing scenes were witnessed at the offices of the Hongkong Jockey Club in town this morning.

Long before the doors were opened a large crowd had gathered to purchase Derby and through tickets, and the crowd became so dense by 9.30 a.m. that the police had to be called in to control them.

Finally, it was decided to cease selling tickets in the city in order to disperse the crowds and subsequently no purchasers were permitted to approach the Jockey Club offices.

As a result of the enormous demand, over 700,000 Derby tickets were sold by 10 a.m.

Over three thousand through tickets have been sold, assuring that cash sweep prizes on all events, even without sales at the race-course itself, will be of a substantial nature.

The Results

Following are the results:

1.—12.00 NOON.—CHALLENGE CUP.—Value One Hundred Guineas. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. To be won two years consecutively by a Pony or Ponies the bona fide property of the same owner or owners. Winner to receive $750 and 70 per cent., Second $300 and 20 per cent., Third $200 and 10 per cent., of the Entrance Fees until the Cup is finally won, when the Second Pony will receive 75 per cent. and the Third Pony 25 per cent. of the Entrance Fees in addition to the place money. Entrance $10. One and Three Quarter Miles.

Cire's NAVYLIGHT 161 lb. (R. B. Moller) 1
L. Dunbar's CONFUSION BAY 161 lb. (D. Black) 2
Eve's EYE OF HARVEST 158 lb. (C. Encarnacao) 3

Galaxy also ran.
Won by a neck; many lengths.
Time:—3.41.3.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner $52.70; Places $6.60; $3.30.

2.—12.30 P.M.—BENDIGO HANDICAP.—Winner $750. Second $300. Third $200. For Australian Subscription Ponies classified "A" Class as at 31st December, 1939. Jockey Allowance. Entrance $10. Six Furlongs.

Mrs. J. H. Taggart's LANCASHIRE CHIP'S 155 lb. (P. Y. T. Wei) 1
John Peel's CHIFFEL 150 lb. (V. V. Needa) 2
S. W. Lee's DOUBLE FINESSE 140 lb. (S. W. Pan) 3

Seven starters.
Won by four lengths; a short head.
Time:—1.17.2.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner $13.60. Places $6.50; $8.90; $29.10.

3.—1.00 P.M.—MAIDEN STAKES.—Winner $1,250. Second $400. Third $250. For China Ponies, bona fide Griffins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance $10. Six Furlongs.

Cire's SPICYLIGHT 161 lb. (R. B. Moller) 1
Mrs. J. H. Taggart's CRAIGAVAD 161 lb. (S. C. Liang) 2
Tang Man Wa's POSSIBLE 158 lb. (P. Y. T. Wei) 3

20 starters.
Won by six lengths; half-a-length.
Time:—1.21.4 (a record).
Pari-mutuel:—Winner $7.80. Places $6.20; $12; $12.

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THE LUCKY NUMBERS
Winners Of The Cash Sweeps

The following were to-day's lucky Cash Sweep numbers at the Valley:

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No. 1719 $1,722
" 3210 492
" 2593 246
Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 670, 1832, 3440, 1092.

RACE 3
No. 2939 $1,479.60
" 1876 422.80
" 1038 211.40
Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 3373, 3091, 2671, 1974, 3767, 966, 1548, 2127, 3602, 1502, 1425, 1191, 1154, 3312, 3559, 3861, 2601.

RACE 4
No. 1448 $1,611.40
" 3299 460.40
" 1588 230.20
Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 2323, 2253, 3897, 3228, 2376, 919, 1697, 1854, 3160, 3095, 1647, 1679, 2329, 2918.

RACE 5
No. 4925 $2,380.00
" 4273 680.00
" 2546 340.00
Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 4722, 3671, 130, 1934, 551, 2977, 1808, 1103.

RACE 6
No. 879 $2,706.20
" 2297 773.20
" 543 386.60
Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 3886, 4652, 902, 423.

RACE 7
No. 186 $4,547.20
" 3975 1,299.20
" 4619 649.20
Unplaced ponies ($100 each): Nos. 3400, 1594, 4387, 3838, 558, 226, 4191, 2440.

RACE 8
No. 2130 $2,612.40
" 5700 746.40
" 5066 373.20
Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 3082, 4477, 5264, 1313, 4044, 3701, 4740, 3735, 2143, 5646, 2695, 4266.

RACE 9
No. 5353 $2,857.40
" 1335 816.40
" 4325 408.20
Unplaced ponies ($50 each): 3604, 755, 2286, 1952, 1360.

STOCK EXCHANGE RESTRAINED

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, week-end considerations restrained activity. Consequently the market was quietly irregular.

Industrials were fairly steady. Gilt-edged securities and home-rails were easier, while Kaffirs were firm on small Cape support.

Wall Street was steady.

Norwegian Seamen Call for Boycott of Cargoes Destined for Germany

NEUTRALS TO ADOPT FIRMER ATTITUDE AGAINST OUTRAGES

OSLO, FEB. 16 (REUTER).—IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT NORWAY HAS MADE THREE PROTESTS IN BERLIN RECENTLY AGAINST THE SINKING OF NORWEGIAN VESSELS.

SHE HAS RESERVED THE RIGHT TO CLAIM DAMAGES FOR LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

SEAMEN PROTEST

Norwegian Seamen's Associations are threatening to call on their members to refuse to sail in ships carrying cargoes to "that belligerent nation which has as its proud aim the murder of defenceless sailors."

The Associations have presented a joint resolution to the Foreign Minister, strongly protesting against the present form of sea warfare.

The resolution declares that several recent cases in which Norwegian ships were sunk by German submarines are contrary to International Law and all feelings of humanity.

The resolution asks the Norwegian Administration to remember the war against the Norwegian mercantile marine when new trade agreements are to be concluded and to obtain guarantees to ensure that seamen will not be exposed to the present form of warfare, which is contrary to International Law.

BITTER PRESS ATTACKS

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The Nazi intensification of U-boat warfare against neutral ships has driven the Norwegian and Danish press to ask how long neutrals are going to stand it.

The United States, according to American advices, is asking Berlin exactly what it means by its recent announcement of the policy regarding the torpedoing of neutral ships and how it will be applied.

It is now clear that the torpedoing of the Dutch ship, Burgerdijk, last week was in accordance with this policy.

To-day the 1,000 ton Norwegian steamer Bisp, which was overdue, is presumed to be lost.

The fact that the Bisp is missing has led the conservative Norwegian newspaper "Aftenposten" to demand that whatever rights belligerents now accord the neutrals should be clearly stated.

The papers asks: "Are we allowed to get coal from England and coal and oil from America? Are we allowed to sail between neutral countries? If not, what are we allowed to do and under what conditions? We are a nation living on the principle of trade with Germany as well but this collaboration presupposes give and take."

Cannot Continue

"The almost daily sinkings of Norwegian ships cannot possibly continue," concludes the "Aftenposten."

This attitude is endorsed by the Danish newspaper, "National Tidende," which says that for Germany to lay down conditions for maritime trade by this declaration means that it is suicide, for the conditions are impossible.

Nazi Claim Rejected

An Italian newspaper, the "Corriere della Sera", rejects Germany's claim that she has become mistress of the seas. The papers says that in spite of German sneers, Britain still controls the seas.

Danish Demarche

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—It is learned in official quarters that Denmark has made a demarche in Berlin on the torpedoing of the Danish steamer, Chastine Maersk.

Finland Warns: Cannot Fight Alone

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The newspaper, "Afton Bladet," states that the Finnish Government had advised Sweden that Finland could not hold out longer alone and must either have two divisions of men from Sweden as volunteers or else must apply to the Western Powers for help.

The Prime Minister, rejecting the request for direct military aid, declared that the Government had had on different occasions received requests from Finland for supply of necessities, and on the whole these requests were acceded to.

Certain measures were taken with regard to caring for the wounded and invalids from Finland in Sweden and the transfer of civilian workmen from Sweden to Finland.

During visits to Stockholm, members of the Finnish Government had raised the question of aid by the supply of men. As recent as February 13, the Finnish Foreign Minister had raised the matter, but the policy of the Swedish Government, as approved in Parliament on January 17, remains unchanged.

French Aid Arrives

PARIS, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—France has sent large shipments of artillery and planes to Finland, it is authoritatively stated to-night.

The statement had the approval of the French Army Headquarters.

No information is given regarding the type of artillery sent but it is significant that recent reports have spoken of 100 Soviet tanks being destroyed.

Military observers are linking up the fact that 17 Soviet planes were brought down on Tuesday and the same number on Wednesday with the arrival of French and other foreign planes on the Finnish front.

Finns Overwhelmed

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Overwhelming pressure by the Soviet troops forced the Finns to withdraw from several front line positions in the Karelian Isthmus to-day.

Latest reports from the front indicate that the Finns have counter-attacked and retaken some of the advanced outposts in the centre of the Karelian front.

The Soviet troops on the Karelian Isthmus are attacking three main points with an overwhelming array of men, tanks and guns.

They are at Summa in the west where they have already reached the front line, at Taipale in the east and Kyrola in the centre where they are pressing towards the railway leading to Viborg.

In the Summa sector, Russian tanks are advancing in solid blocks abreast and seven deep.

There are no official figures given of the Finnish losses but the front pages of the Finnish newspapers are filled with the names of those who have died.

Fierce Pressure

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—An official Finnish communique issued to-night states that on the Karelian Isthmus the Russian attack continued yesterday.

Fierce pressure occurred between Hatjalahdenjaervi and the Vuiksi River and at Taipale.

In the east Summa sector and at a couple of points between Hatjalhdenjaervi and the Vuiksi River the enemy succeeded in penetrating into more advanced Finnish positions.

In other sectors the enemy's attacks were repulsed.

North-east of Lake Ladoga the enemy attacks were repulsed.

Among the Islands and on the shore our forces, states the communique, captured one of the enemy's positions.

The enemy losses were heavy. The destruction of isolated enemy detachments continued at Kuhmo.

On Thursday our fighter planes engaged in several successful air battles and in the course of the day we bombed enemy encampments, railways and positions behind the lines.

There was enemy air activity constantly over the war zone and it was most severe on the Karelian Isthmus where there were about 600 Russian planes.

According to verified reports, we shot down eight enemy aeroplanes besides which there were two doubtful cases, the communique continues.

It is estimated that a thousand bombs were dropped by enemy planes yesterday. Thirty-four civilians were killed and several dozen were wounded.

Defenders Favoured

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The Russians in Summa are confronted, says Reuter's military correspondent, with a phase of battle where the situation may still be entirely in favour of the defenders.

A delaying action will be fought while the Russian batteries are brought forward.

These batteries must be linked to their munition points while petrol and food supplies will be difficult to establish.

There is a moment in every great battle when a brisk counter-attack by the defenders would be of the utmost value, but it seems doubtful whether the Finns, after the desperate fighting of the last fortnight, will have enough fresh troops in reserve for this purpose.

Legitimate Sinking, Germany Claims

BERLIN, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The torpedoing of the Dutch steamer Burgerdijk is held to have been perfectly legitimate in a statement issued to the foreign press by the German official news agency.

It says that the sinking of the ship followed the regular carrying out of prize law procedure. It declares that the term "contraband" applies where it is for a hostile destination and the alleged destination in the ship's papers is not decisive.

Cargo destined for neutral use can be disqualified if it is exposed to enemy attack in a belligerent's harbour.

It makes no difference whether the ship entered a British control harbour voluntarily or under British compulsion.

The statement adds that the danger to neutrals is the result solely of British regulations and the neutral's obedience to them. The neutrals must learn from this case.

Tanker Overdue

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The tanker, Creofield, 839 tons, is 14 days overdue and is presumed lost.

Finnish Ships Confiscated

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Two Finnish ships bound for Britain with timber have been captured by the Germans and confiscated, according to an announcement by the Helsingfors radio.

NATIONAL LOAN APPROVED

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The Lower House of the Netherlands Parliament passed unanimously a bill authorising the issue of a semi-compulsory loan of $40,000,000. The bill has already been passed by the Second Chamber.

New Anglo-French Agreement

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the British and French Government have agreed that effect shall be given to the conclusions recently reached by the President of the Board of Trade and the French Minister of Commerce for promoting favourable development of Franco-British trade.

The understanding reached will mean a considerable relaxation of prohibiton measures imposed at the outbreak of war.

Mr. K. Okazaki, Consul-General for Japan at Hongkong, resumed charge of the Consulate-General last week.

S'hai Roads Control

Details Of New Agreement

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The creation of a special police force for control of the Extra-Settlement Roads in the Western District of Shanghai was agreed in a *modus vivendi* which was signed this afternoon by Mr. Cornell S. Franklin, Chairman of the Municipal Council, and Fu-Siao-en, Mayor of the Japanese-controlled City Government of Greater Shanghai.

The agreement provides for the establishment by the City Government of a special police force to have exclusive rights in functioning in the district during the period of the *modus vivendi*.

A suitable number of police stations and sub-stations would be established and the personnel will wear a distinctive uniform. The number and general structure of the force will be agreed as a result of consultations between the Chief of the City Government of Greater Shanghai Police Bureau and the Commissioner of the Shanghai Municipal Police.

In Case Of Disputes

In case of any disagreement arising between S. M. C. nominated officers and officers appointed by the City Government reference would be made to the Chief of Police of the City Government and Commissioner of the Shanghai Municipal Police for consideration. Failing a settlement in this way, the disagreement, if necessary, may be referred to the Mayor of Greater Shanghai and the Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council.

The Japanese announce that in view of the initialling of the outside roads agreement they are ready to resume negotiations for the International Settlement Police to resume their functions in the areas belonging to the Settlement to the north of Soochow Creek which the Japanese have controlled since 1937.

Unofficial J.P.'s To Elect Member

An election of a Justice of the Peace to serve on the Licensing Board for three years, vice Mr. Cyril Champkin, will take place in the Council Chamber of the Urban Council on Friday, March 15.

Forms of nomination may be obtained at the Hongkong Magistracy, and every nomination must be delivered to Mr. H. G. Sheldon, First Police Magistrate, not less than six clear days before the day fixed for the election.

The only persons entitled to vote at the election are the unofficial Justices of the Peace. Voting will commence at 4 p.m. and continue until 6 p.m. when the ballot-box will be closed.

Famous Explorer Passes Away

BRUSSELS, Feb 16 (Reuter).—The death is reported from Ghent of M. Louis Valcke, who was Stanley's principal collaborator in his first great Congo explorations, notably in the crossing of the Crystal Mountains and the discovery of the Congo cataract.

The number of emigrants who left Hongkong for the Straits Settlements during January, 1940, were 3,382.

Mr. G. A. Pentreath has been appointed to be Chief Air Raid Warden for Hongkong.

Curiosity Led To Arrest

AN ALLEGED comrade of two men who were charged with larceny at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning allowed his curiosity to overcome his better judgment.

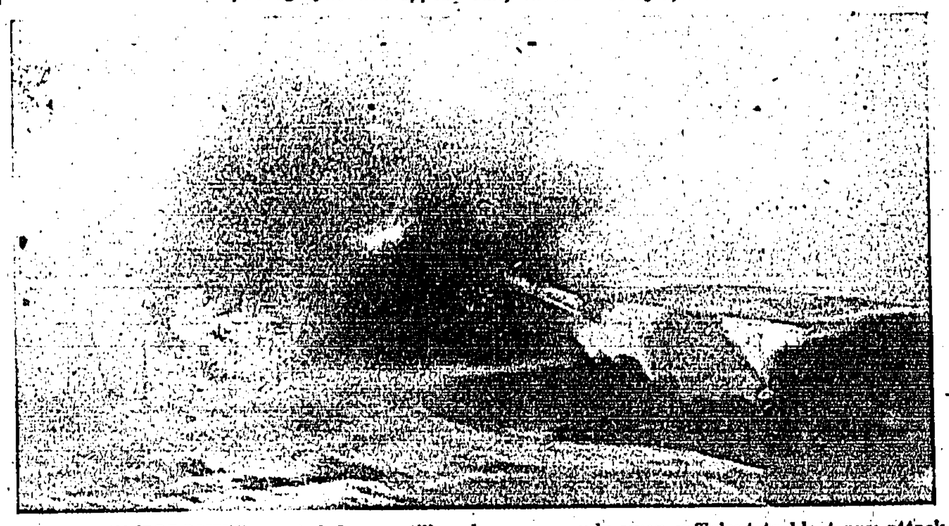
He came to the Court to find out how his friends were faring and, as a result, was arrested there by Sergt. Rothwell.

Police allege that he was connected with the crimes for which his friends, Chan Shing, 30, and Fu Tun, 26, were charged. He will be charged on similar counts on Monday.

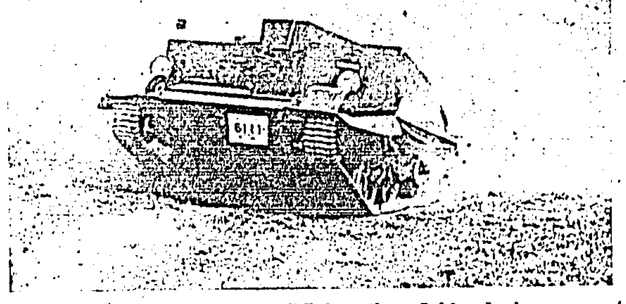
Chan received 12 weeks imprisonment for his part in the larcenies, which were from Chinese people, while Fu, who was a banishee, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment.

HONGKONG PREPARES:

Below we publish further photographs of a new series, specially taken by Norman Soong, of Hongkong's defence preparations. These photographs will appear daily in the "Telegraph".



THE COLONY'S coast defence artillery has range and power sufficient to blast any attacking warships out of the water. No warship's guns have their accuracy at the longer ranges.



ARMOURED CARRIERS in the field during recent manoeuvres on the island. Carriers differ from tanks in that they are not entirely enclosed in armour.

50,000 People May Lose Homes in Hongkong

MASS EVICTION on an unprecedented scale will probably result from the wider powers granted the Public Works Department under the amendment to the Emergency Regulations published in last week's "Government Gazette."

Under this amendment Public Works Department officials may take possession of or demolish any structure erected on Government land which has not been approved by the Building Authority.

The P.W.D. officials are empowered to use such force and to call upon such assistance as may be necessary to enforce the regulation.

It is conservatively estimated that the new regulation will affect some 50,000 people on the island and mainland.

Eviction notices have already been served on 8,000 people.

They have the option of entering government-constructed tenements, entering refugee camps or returning to Chinese territory.

This offer will, it is understood, remain valid only until hostilities cease in China, after which the Government will consider its obligation to care for refugees fulfilled.

New "City" On Peak

In order to provide alternate habitation for some of the people who are being evicted, the Government is now erecting a large residential area on the side of the Peak just below Lady Clementi's Drive. This is one of the most picturesque parts of the Colony and the Chinese are eagerly seeking accommodation because they believe it to be a "good joss" area.

These new Government tenements, which are being constructed on a substantial scale complete with all sanitary necessities, will be capable of housing about 3,000 people.

Further tenements are to be erected in other parts of the Colony.

The eviction of squatters, who are said to total over 50,000, will continue throughout this year until all Crown Land has been cleared of their hutments and buildings.

Since commencement of hostilities in China, an entirely new city of some 30,000 residents has sprung up in Kowloon on what is still Crown land.

All these people are to be evicted and their buildings are to be demolished, it is understood.

Substantial Buildings

Many of the buildings are of a substantial nature. Some are built of concrete or bricks, and many are two and three storeys high.

They were all constructed by their owners—several of whom are said to be rich and influential members of the Chinese community—with a view to permanency. Many of the buildings, it is estimated, cost $10,000 to erect.

It is believed that in every case where a substantial building was erected, the Government authorities warned the builders before the foundations were laid that they were being constructed illegally and were liable to be pulled down.

Petition To S.C.A.

Despite this fact, the "Telegraph" understands that some of the Chinese are preparing to petition the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, seeking restraint against Government's intention to re-claim its property.

The scene of the recent disastrous fire behind Shamshuipo was part of the new city of 30,000 people that has sprung up in the Kowloon area.

Government, it is understood, is not permitting any of this burnt-out area to be re-built.

The "Telegraph" was informed this morning that, as a result of the fire, the authorities discovered over thirty cases of undisclosed small-pox among the victims of the fire.

This gives some indication of the amount of hidden disease in the new insanitary city that has sprung up.

POSTERS REMOVED

Anti-British Placards Destroyed In Peiping

PEIPING, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—According to a reliable report, the local police authorities have received instructions to remove all traces of anti-British posters and destroy unused stacks of these posters.

The police are also instructing Chinese shop-keepers to remove signs in the Japanese language from the shop-fronts and shop windows.

In a statement to-day on the recent disruption of the Peiping-Hangchow Railway through the destruction of the railway bridge to the south of Taotingfu, a Japanese spokesman denied that this was due to guerilla activity and stated that the accident was due to overweight locomotives on the line.

It is known locally that the railway has been interrupted since February 6, running only as far as Taotingfu from Peiping and it was previously reported that this was due to guerilla activity.

Traffic on the railway south of Taotingfu was reported to have been resumed yesterday.

Mr. C. C. Roberts has been appointed to be a member of the Volunteer Advisory Committee during the absence of Mr. W. H. Lock who has been serving on this committee during the absence of Mr. J. R. Masson.

$5,000,000 Surplus Anticipated

Remarkable Boom In Colony's Revenue

HONGKONG'S REVENUE for 1939 is now certain to have reached the unprecedented total of $41,000,000, or $8,000,000 more than the total revenue for the preceding year, which was also a record.

As a result, the Colony ends last year with a surplus of approximately $5,000,000, unless any untoward expenditure was incurred in December.

Figures published in the "Government Gazette" this morning were to the end of November.

They disclosed that revenue for the first eleven months of the year totalled $38,248,457, compared with a revenue of $33,536,340 for the first eleven months of 1938.

Expenditure during the corresponding period totalled $33,865,416, compared with $31,193,177 in the first eleven months of 1938.

Record Treasury Balance

As a result of this abnormal revenue, the Colony's surplus balance has now risen to the record total of $17,915,275.

November Figures

Revenue during November totalled $3,473,229 while expenditure totalled $2,813,023, thus adding $660,605 to the Colony's coffers.

The greatest increase in revenue in November accrued from duties a rise of $265,526 being shown compared with the figures of the corresponding month in 1938.

Licences and Internal Revenue showed an increase of $172,083 over the figures of the previous year, while rent of Government property, land and houses as well as miscellaneous receipts also showed substantial increases.

In all, revenue in November, 1939, bettered the figures for November, 1938, by $563,260.

Expenditure On Defence

Expenditure showed an increase of $238,653.50 on the figures of the previous November.

The defence forces of the Colony claimed the greatest rises in expenditure during this month. For instance, the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, which spent only $19,460.23 in November, 1938, spent $50,835.88.

But even greater were the increases of the Naval Volunteers and A.R.P. The former consumed only $3,483.81 of the Colony's revenue in November, 1938, but last November they spent $39,003.18, an increase of $36,419.37.

Air Raid Precautions in the Colony cost only $3,244.68 in November, 1938. Last year they cost $27,823.69.

The Police Force also cost much more to maintain, the figures being $301,003.26 for November, 1939, as against $272,090.48 for November, 1938.

The cost of the Sanitary Department rose from $87,027.04 to $120,884.40, while under the item of "Stores Department," which was non-existent in 1938, a sum of $90,016.20 was expended.

Making up for these various increases, many departments spent less than they did the previous year.

Mr. H. J. Pearce, M.C., has been appointed to act as a Director of the Widows' and Orphans' Pension during the absence from the Colony of Mr. J. Ralston.

Mr. L. G. Morgan, B.Sc., M.A., has been appointed to act as Senior Inspector of Schools, Education Department.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The National Committee of the Republican Party has decided to hold the National Convention on June 24 when the Party's candidate for the presidency will be chosen.

Drastic Penalties For Illegal Departures

CHINA PORTS CLOSED TO HONGKONG SHIPS

A Bill, shortly to be introduced in Legislative Council and published in to-day's Government Gazette, is of considerable importance and interest to the shipping community on the China coast.

It is a Bill to amend the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899. The only section involved is Section 22, subsection 6, which makes it compulsory for a master about to proceed to sea to hoist a Blue Peter and to obtain a port clearance before departure.

The penalty was a fine of $250.

The following paragraph has been added at the end of the sub-section: "If the intended voyage is to any port in China which has not been opened at any time to foreign trade the Harbour Master may, at his absolute discretion, refuse to furnish a port clearance."

Treaty Of Tientsin Ports

The Bill has been made necessary as a result of the conditions brought about by the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

Under the Treaty of Tientsin of 1858, certain ports in China were opened to British shipping. They were not lawfully entitled to enter other ports or to carry on clandestine trade along the coast. Any vessel violating this provision ran the risk of being confiscated by the Chinese Government.

However, the treaty provisions were not implemented by specific provisions in the Merchant Shipping Act possibly because the liability of confiscation by the Chinese Government was in itself considered a sufficient deterent.

Now, however, that the movements of the Chinese Customs preventive service are restricted by hostilities in the waters of the coast of China near the Colony it has become necessary to implement the provisions.

Any Master of a ship infringing the new law will be liable to a fine not exceeding $2,500.

In addition he may be sent to prison for six months.

TAXI FARES RAISED ON ISLAND & MAINLAND

A Government notification, issued this morning, announced that taxi fares will be raised.

The fare in Hongkong in future will be 50 cents for a distance not exceeding one mile; 10 cents for each quarter of a mile in excess of one mile; and 10 cents for each period of five minutes' waiting time with the meter shut off.

In Kowloon, the fare for large cabs will be 50 cents for a distance not exceeding one mile; five cents for each quarter of a mile in excess of one mile; and five cents for each period of five minutes' waiting time with the meter shut off.

For small cabs in Kowloon, the fare will be 35 cents for a distance not exceeding one mile; five cents for each quarter of a mile in excess of one mile; and five cents for each period of five minutes' waiting time, with the meter shut off.

How New Tax Proposals Will Affect Your Pocket

RADICAL alterations to the Government's original Income Tax proposals are proposed in the scheme drawn up by the War Revenue Committee.

It recommends the appointment of a Board of Inland Revenue, comprising the Financial Secretary and four other members.

Instead of raising war revenue from a 10 per cent. tax on Income, the Committee recommends that taxation be split into three sections.

It proposes an addition of five per cent. on the existing 17 per cent. property assessment, making a total of 22 per cent.

It recommends institution of a Corporation Profit Tax of 10 per cent. above $100,000 profit; five per cent. on profits between $10,000 and $100,000 and complete exemption on profits below $10,000. Certain allowances are recommended.

The ordinary man-in-the-street will be more interested in the Committee's new Income Tax recommendations.

If its recommendations are adopted, persons in receipt of salaries below $400 a month will be exempt from taxation.

The Exemptions

Those in receipt of income above $400 a month will receive a personal exemption of $250, an allowance of $165 for a wife, an allowance of $82 for a first child and an allowance of $82 for other children. Total family allowance, however, will not exceed $500 per month.

This is how the Committee's proposed taxation compares with the Government's original proposals:

BACHELORS

Original Assessment

No tax on incomes below $175 per month.

Monthly Income	Annual Tax
$200	$18
$250	$45
$300	$72
$400	$126
$500	$210

Increasing thereafter at the rate of $108 tax per annum for each $100 of monthly earned income, up to $1,250 monthly, and $120 thereafter.

Committee's Proposals

Any income below $400 a month non-taxable.

Monthly Income	Annual Tax
$450	$90
$500	$120
$550	$144
$600	$168

Liability to payment at 10 per cent. does not arise until the income is over $8,000 per annum.

MARRIED (NO CHILD)

Original Assessment

No tax on Incomes below $300 per month.

Monthly Income	Annual Tax
$320	$15
$350	$28
$400	$58
$500	$112
$600	$183

Increasing thereafter at the rate of $108 tax per annum for each $100 of monthly earned income and pro rata, up to $1,250 monthly, and at the rate of $120 for each $100 in excess of $1,250.

Committee's Proposals

No Tax on Incomes Below $5,000 annually.

Monthly Income	Annual Tax
$500	$40
$550	$64
$600	$88
$650	$112
$700	$136
1,000	$400

rising at the rate of $120 per annum for each additional $100 of monthly income.

MARRIED (ONE CHILD)

Original Assessment

No tax on incomes below $400 per month.

Monthly Income	Annual Tax
$400	$8
$500	$92
$600	$196
$700	$191

Increasing at the rate of $108 per annum tax for each $100 of monthly earned income, etc.

Tax on income of $1,500 monthly, $1,085 per annum.

Committee's Proposals

No Tax on Incomes below $500 a month.

Monthly Income	Annual Tax
$550	$24
$600	$48
$700	$96
$1000	$300

rising thereafter at the rate of $120 annual tax for each $100 of monthly income.

MARRIED (TWO CHILDREN)

Original Assessment

No tax on incomes below $450 per month.

Monthly Income	Annual Tax
$450	$5
$500	$32
$600	$86
$700	$140
$800	$239

increasing at the rate of $108 per annum tax for each $100 of monthly earned income, etc.

Tax on income of $1,500 monthly, $1,025 per annum.

Committee's Proposals

No tax on Incomes below $600 monthly.

Monthly Income	Annual Tax
$650	$32
$700	$56
$750	$80
$800	$104
$1,000	$200
$1,200	$440

MARRIED (3 CHILDREN)

Original Assessment

No tax on incomes below $500 per month.

Monthly Income	Annual Tax
$550	$29
$600	$56
$650	$83
$700	$110
$800	$170

Tax on $1,500 a month, $965 per annum.

Committee's Proposals

No Tax on Incomes below $650 monthly.

Monthly Income	Annual Tax
$700	$16
$750	$40
$800	$64
$1,000	$160
$1,100	$220
$1,200	$340

and thereafter at the rate of an additional $120 in annual tax for each $100 of monthly income.

No allowances are authorised for children in excess of four.

Committee For "Aggrieveds"

Appeals Against Orders Issued By Governor

His Honour the Chief Justice, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Major R. C. Giles, R.M., Capt. C. R. Boxer and Mr. J. K. Bousfield, M.C., M.A. have been appointed by His Excellency the Govrnor to serve on an advisory committee in connection with the Colonial Defence Regulations, 1939.

This committee has been appointed to consider objections voiced by any person who is aggrieved by the making of an order against him or by the refusal of His Excellency the Governor to suspend the operation of any such order.

Any person who is aggrieved by any condition attached to a direction given by His Excellency the Governor or by the revocation of any such direction can also put forward their objections to this newly-formed committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives tentatively repected the United States Navy proposal for harbour improvements to make Guam a naval "look-out" post.

RECRUITS FOR H.K.D.R.

Another Big List Published

The following group of residents, according to the "Government Gazette," have been enrolled in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

COMBATANT GROUP.—C. R. Judah.

KEY-POST GROUP.—A. S. Allson, G. E. Costello, D. Drake, A. Drummond, F. F. Duckworth, R. P. Dunlop, H. G. Eales, J. H. Elias, W. Faid, D. D. Forbes, G. Forder, R. D. Gillespie, C. Goldin, C. P. Grant, F. Groves, F. H. Hanna, F. T. Harris, F. Herridge, H. C. Hunt, N. E. Hunter, A. W. Ingram, H. W. Johnston, M. F. Key, W. E. Kirby, T. L. Knight, W. J. Knight, S. H. Langston, C. R. Lee, E. Lewis, S. Lillicrap, J. Linaker, J. F. Lunny, E. S. Lyen, J. F. Macgregor, A. N. Mackenzie, H. W. Mills, L. L. Mills, D. A. Murdoch, F. E. Nash, H. Nish, W. O. Nodes, N. Penson, J. Prentice, A. W. Ramsey, H. Reason, W. E. Rickwood, A. H. Roberts, E. K. Robertson, R. Robertson.

S. H. Ross, A. Rowan, R. R. Roxburgh, J. Russell, L. E. N. Ryan, G. W. Sewell, E. W. Sharp, E. W. C. Simmonds, C. E. Stewart, H. E. Stone, W. H. Strong, P. H. Suckling, A Tarbuck, R. Taylor, C. E. M. Terry, G. E. F. Thompson, G. G. N. Tinson, C. J. Triggs, M. M. Watson, D. C. Weir, F. C. Weller, R. H. Wild, S. T. Williamson, G. B. Witchell, J. Wood, W. Wright, R. L. Wyllie, P. Younghusband, H. Brokenshire and F. A. Norton.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES GROUP.—K. Begdon, D. H. Blake, N. Croucher, A. J. Dennis, J. R. Johnstone, A. Manton, J. E. Ollerton, O. V. Prasalov, E. M. Raymond, G. E. Rowan, A. Salmon, E. D. Sykes, E. C. Thomas, V. I. Treskin, A. Vago, F. A. Waller, R. Wescombe, N. B. White, F. C. Whitefield, W. G. Williams, W. G. M. Wilson and B. A. Young.

Two Men Re-assigned

Mr. J. D. Murphy has been re-assigned from the Combatant Group to the General Group for Essential Services in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

Mr. C. F. Pragnell has been re-assigned from the Key-Posts Group to the General Group for Essential Services in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

EXPORT OF COAL PROHIBITED

Details of the Defence (Bunker Coal and Oil) Order, 1940 are published in to-day's issue of the "Government Gazette."

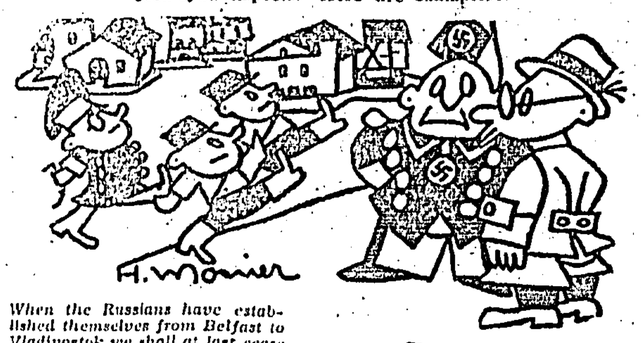
His Excellency the Governor has ordered that bunker coal or bunker oil may not be shipped from Hongkong for use by a ship as fuel without a licence in writing from the Controller of Trade.

His Honour the Chief Justice has ordered that the next Criminal Sessions will be held on Monday, February 26 commencing at 10 a.m.

AN American paper has coined a phrase about the war, expressing the view of many. It talked of:

THIS COCK-EYED WAR

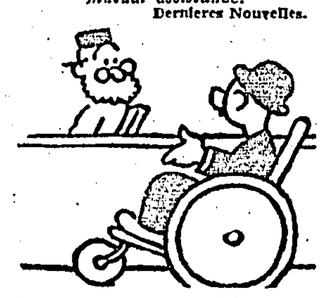
In every country now cartoonists are dealing with its more cock-eyed aspects. Here are examples:



When the Russians have established themselves from Belfast to Vladivostok we shall at last cease to be encircled by the Anglo-French Imperialists.
("L'Oeuvre," Paris.)



I am only making a pact of mutual assistance.
Dernieres Nouvelles.



A pension? What grounds? Victim of the nerve war.
L'Oeuvre, Paris.

FINE WORK BY FRENCH

Convoying Troops In Mediterranean

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The French Navy's work in convoying troops in the Mediterranean and keeping the sea lanes open there is meeting with no opposition whatever from the enemy, an authoritative French source told "Reuter" to-day.

Thus far, he added, no U-boat had succeeded in getting into the Mediterranean. Other points revealed by this source are that like the British Navy the French Navy has destroyed many submarines. It is against their policy, however, to state the number.

Also like the British the French navy has had experience with German magnetic mines.

German planes have been caught on moonlight nights dropping these mines by parachute in French waters.

The French Navy co-operated in hunting for the Graf Spee and divisions of French torpedo boats are patrolling the approaches of the North Sea thus reviving co-operation with the Dover Patrol as in the last war.

At the outbreak of war the French Navy had in commission five capital ships among which were the Dunkerque and the Strasbourg which were nearing completion.

Fastest In World

The newer French and British capital ships are the most modern and fastest in the world. They include seven 10,000 ton cruisers; 12 smaller cruisers and 32 small light cruisers; 38 destroyers, 37 escort vessels, 77 submarines, one aircraft carrier and one seaplane carrier.

The French Navy has suffered no loss of ships from enemy action.

One mine-laying cruiser and three auxiliary patrol vessels were lost from accidental causes.

On January 2 there was in contruction in France about 300,000 tons of warships, including four 35,000-ton battleships. The strength of the French merchant shipping actually shows a gain over 12,000 tons since the war began despite losses by enemy action.

Fourteen ships, totalling 69,000 ons, have been sunk by enemy action and four ships totalling 15,000 tons have been lost as casualties.

Meanwhile two ships, totalling 37,000 tons, have been built at French ship yards; six ships, 40,000 tons, have been purchased abroad and four ships, totalling 19,000 tons, have been captured from the enemy.

The French Navy has done a vast amount of work in escorting French colonial troops to France, troops to possible theatres of war and fresh drafts to the colonies. None of these troops convoys suffered any loss.

WESTERN FRONT

PATROL TRAPPED IN MINEFIELD

PARIS, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—A communique issued to-day states that there was activity of our patrols.

One of them suffered some losses when crossing a German minefield.

Mr. E. W. Pudney, who arrived in the Colony last week, has been appointed to be Accountant at the Treasury.

BRAZILIAN PROTEST

British Pursuit Of Scuttled Steamer

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—It is learned that Brazil has sent a note to the governments of other American nations protesting against the pursuit of the German steamer, Wakama, inside the 300-mile neutrality zone.

The Wakama scuttled herself on sighting a British warship.

The fact that the Wakama was not sunk by the pursuing British warship will not, in the opinion of Foreign Office officials here, make any difference. They declare that the Wakama was within the area specified by the Pan-American Conference as the "safety zone" when an aircraft from the warship flew over her and demanded her to surrender in violation of the precepts laid down.

70 Miles From Rio

The Wakama was stopped when 70 miles from Rio and about 12 hours after she had left port.

The apparent foolhardiness of the Wakama's captain in leaving only four hours before H.M.S. Hawkins was scheduled to arrive is commented on freely here.

Maritime officials point out that the arrival of the British cruiser had already been announced in the Press and that the two ships might have met in the harbour entrance itself if the Hawkins had only been two or three hours ahead of schedule.

Berlin Covered In Snow

BRUSSELS, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Snow has been falling ceaselessly for two days in Berlin, according to reports received from a correspondent of the "Belga" news agency in the German capital.

In the streets of Berlin pedestrians have to walk between two ramparts of snow. It is the first time such a sight has been witnessed in the capital.

The closing of a great number of administrative offices is certain. Cinemas, theatres and all clubs are expected to close down owing to fuel shortage.

RESERVE DESTROYER SANK TWO SUBMARINES

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—It is now officially revealed that the British destroyer which sank two German U-boats last Friday was H.M.S. Antelope.

This destroyer is one of the reserve fleet and her commander is Lieut. E. W. Douglas.

The vessel is manned mainly by reservists and was commissioned in Portsmouth in July when the reserve fleet was called up for service.

R.A.F. One Up

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—An Air Force plane bombed a U-boat and possibly destroyed it in the North Sea to-day.

The pilot of an R.A.F. aircraft observed a U-boat on the surface and approached it.

The submarine first saw the aeroplane when it was half a mile away and began to submerge at frantic speed.

The aeroplane reached the submarine just as the periscope disappeared.

A bomb was dropped directly ahead of the periscope and another in front of the same spot.

Patches of oil and a quantity of oil bubbles appeared.

The aircraft kept the area under observation but no further trace of the submarine was seen.





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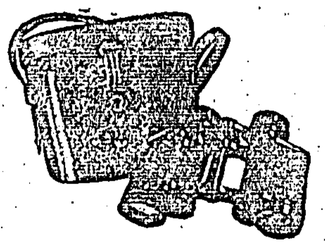
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Colony's Next Blackout To Be Held On March 5

HONGKONG'S next blackout is to be held on March 5.

An announcement to this effect was made by the Director of Air Raid Precautions this morning.

Previous blackouts have generally commenced at 9 p.m.

But on March 5 the public will not be warned of the actual time at which the blackout will start or end.

In order to comply with the Lighting Control regulations, which will be, strictly enforced, the general public are being warned to purchase the necessary material to black out their premises at once.

"If possible, the general public should put their darkening scheme through a trial test before March 5 and thus satisfy themselves that their schemes of darkening will meet the requirements of the regulations," an A.R.P. official said this morning.

RACING SEASON HAS AUSPICIOUS START AT VALLEY

FROM PAGE ONE

4.—1.30 P.M.—SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES.—(First Section).—Winner $1,250. Second $400. Third $250. For Australian Ponies, Griffins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance $10. Six Furlongs.

Diamond's AUSTRALIAN DIAMOND 155 lb. (B. L. Tao) 1
S.M.K.'s MELODY STAR 153 lb. (D. A. Proulx) 2
Lucky's LUCKY LADY 155 lb. (V. V. Needa) 3

Seventeen starters.
Won by short head; two lengths.
Time:—1.17.4.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner $20.70. Places $9; $11.80; $20.80.

5.—3.00 P.M.—CURRAGH HANDICAP.—(First Section).—Winner $750. Second $300. Third $200. For China Ponies classified "C" Class as at 31st December, 1939. Jockey Allowance. Entrance $10. From the Two Mile Post Once Round & in (About One Mile 171 Yards).

Iron's TAMPA BAY 159 lb. (P. Y. T. Wei) 1
S. W. Lee's BOOLAT BAY 163 lb. (B. L. Tao) 2
L. Dunbar's GALVERTON BAY 156 lb. (H. J. A. Hearne) 3

Eleven starters.
Won by short head; short head.
Time:—2.12.2.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner $33.60. Places $9.60; $8.50; $6.20.

6.—3.30 P.M.—CORAL HANDICAP.—Winner $750. Second $300. Third $200. For Australian Subscription Ponies classified "A" Class as at 31st December, 1939. Jockey Allowance. Entrance $10. One and a Quarter Miles.

L. Dunbar's HAFFIN BAY 160 lb. (H. J. A. Hearne) 1
C. W. K.'s TORNADO STAR 148 lb. (P. Y. T. Wei) 2
Lucky's LUCKY LAD 162 lb. (V. V. Needa) 3

Seven starters.
Won by short head; short head.
Time:—2.10.3.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner $23.00. Places $7.30; $10.20; $6.70.

7.—4.00 P.M.—TRIAL PLATE.—Winner $1,250. Second $400. Third $250. For China Ponies, bona fide Griffins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance $10. One and a Quarter Miles.

Cire's SATINLIGHT 161 lb. (R. B. Moller) 1
Marber's GRETBER 161 lb. (G. P. Gram) 2
L. Dunbar's MOUNT HOPE BAY 161 lb. (D. Black) 3

Eleven starters.
Won by Five lengths; many lengths.
Time:—2.24.1.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner $7.40. Places $5.30; $8.50; $3.40.

8.—4.30 P.M.—SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES.—(Second Section).—Winner $1,250. Second $400. Third $250. For Australian Ponies, Griffins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance $10. Six Furlongs.

Mrs. A. E. Grasett's SAPPER 155 lb. (C. Encarnacao) 1
Ellandee's CONTACT 152 lb. (W. H. Davis) 2
Vilaja's VICEROY 155 lb. (L. B. Chao) 3

Fifteen starters.
Won by Three Lengths; A Length.
Time:—1.17.4.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner $10.30. Places $6; $10.50; $6.20.

9.—5.00 P.M.—CURRAGH HANDICAP.—(Second Section).—Daily Double.—Winner $750. Second $300. Third $200. For China Ponies classified "C" Class as at 31st December, 1939. Jockey Allowance. Entrance $10. From the Two Mile Post Once Round & in (About One Mile 171 Yards).

J. F. Macgregor's STRATH BANNOCK 163 lb. (D. Black) 1
H. Leigh's GUINNESS TIME 155 lb. (P. Y. T. Wei) 2
J. G. Whittaker's CLOWNER 146 lb. .. (Ip Kiu Ying) 3

Eight starters.
Won by short head; 2½ lengths.
Time:—2.13.4.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner $11.50. Places $6.10; $8.60; $23.40.

REDS SMASH THROUGH: FINLAND'S GREAT THREAT

FROM PAGE ONE

neutrals, and particularly the Scandinavian countries, for immediate assistance.

In London, the King has signed a Royal Decree licensing British volunteers to go to Finland and fight in the Finnish Army.

Sweden has emphatically stated that, under no circumstances, will she permit the passage of foreign troops across her soil to aid Finland.

It is officially announced, however, that the Foreign Ministers of Sweden, Norway and Denmark will meet in Copenhagen on February 24 to discuss common Scandinavian policy.

It is reliably reported that Finland has appealed to the Scandinavian bloc for the immediate reinforcement of her defences by two divisions of Swedish or other Scandinavian troops, totalling 35,000 men. Eight thousand Swedish volunteers are already serving with the Finnish Army.

LATE NEWS

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NEW NAZI WARNING

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Feb. 16, (UP).—The D.N.B. official news agency, in an apparently inspired statement, warned neutral countries to-day to draw a lesson from the sinking of the Dutch steamer Burgerdijk.

D.N.B. declared that if a neutral ship proceeds to British contraband control stations, either voluntarily or under compulsion, its cargo will be regarded by Germany as contraband, and the ship will be treated accordingly.

Neutrals To Confer

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 17, (UP).—It is officially announced that the Scandinavian Powers will meet on February 24 to discuss common Scandinavian policy regarding the Nazi attacks on neutral shipping.

Germans Intensify Sea War

LONDON, Feb. 16 (UP).—Three Danish, two Norwegian and one Italian ships have been sunk during the past 24 hours intensification of sea war coincident with the denunciation in the Scandinavian press of the German attacks on neutral shipping.

The Danish Legation reported that the steamer Martingold Schmidt (2,905 tons) was mined in the North Sea with 10 missing; the steamer Rhone, (1,064 tons) and the steamer Sleipner (1,000 tons) were torpedoed off the east coast of Britain with 51 and 18 respectively missing.

The Norwegian reports said the freighter Bisp (1,000 tons) and the freighter Start, 1,100 tons) were "lost at sea". No further details were given.

It is officially announced that it was the destroyer Antelope which sank the two U-boats last Friday. The British claim they have sunk at least six U-boats during the week and the French are believed to have destroyed one.

The Antelope is one of the ships of the reserve fleet and is manned mainly by reservists. The vessel was commissioned at Portsmouth last July.

Norwegian Protests

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OSLO, Feb. 16 (UP).—It is officially announced that Norway has lodged three protests at Berlin against the sinking of Norwegian ships and the strafing of lifeboats in violation of the Submarine Convention.

They also demand full compensation and prosecution of the German pilots and U-boat commanders.

STORM IN SWEDEN

FROM PAGE ONE

question of practical help for Finland is extremely delicate.

Suggestions that Finland has declared herself to be in desperate plight are obviously not near the truth.

The dogged resistance of the defenders at Summa and small successes of the Finnish troops elsewhere show that Finland's powers are not yet exhausted, grave though her present position seems to be.

Both the Finnish and Swedish official sources deprecate the exaggerated reports either of Finland's dangers or her successes.

Reports of the possibility of an open appeal by Finland to the Western Powers for intervention are also discarded as unhelpful at the present moment.

Suggestions at this juncture that foreign troops might ask for passage through Sweden can only increase the difficulties of the Swedish authorities.

Should such an eventuality ever arise the actual position doubtless will be that under the terms of Article XVI of the League Covenant, Sweden will be entitled (but not bound) to give such permission.

Sweden's position in this crisis is delicate, but not ambiguous.

On one hand she is firmly determined to maintain neutrality. On the other hand, the overwhelming weight of public sentiment is wholeheartedly on Finland's side.

Foreign Troops Can't Pass To Finland

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 16 (UP).—A spokesman of the Swedish Foreign Office has announced that Sweden will not permit foreign troops en route to Finland to pass through Swedish territory.

This disclosure follows a statement by the Swedish Prime Minister that Sweden "in general" is complying with the recent urgent appeals from England for immediate aid.

The Prime Minister's statement indicates that Swedish aid to the Finns will be given in every way short of military support, on the grounds that Sweden's neutrality must be maintained.

The Prime Minister confirmed that Finland has requested military aid as recently as February 13. Political circles state that the entire question of Swedish aid to Finland is now entering the final phase of parliamentary and public debate.

There is a tendency towards giving maximum humanitarian aid to Finland.

The Swedish Premier has emphasised that Sweden desires strict neutrality in the European War as well as the Russo-Finnish war.

Political circles say that the Premier's declaration indicates that Sweden has flatly turned down the Finnish Premier's proposal for Swedish military aid to Finland.

Answering a query as to what Sweden will do if the Allies decide to send military aid to Finland, the Foreign Office spokesman said "No foreign troops from western powers will ever receive permission to traverse Sweden."

ORIENTAL THEATRE

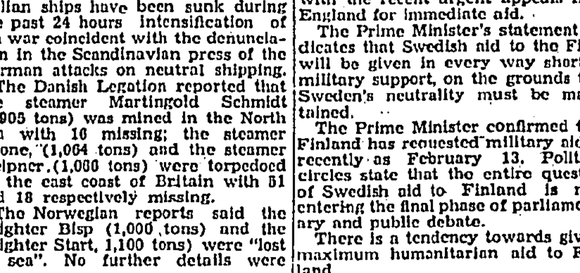
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